ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING BPRRCII 4, 1873.

PORTLAND, ME.:
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1873.

REPORT.

MONEY RAISED MARCH, 1872.

For Schools,	$1,300 80
" Poor,	1,000 00
" Highways,	1,500 00
" Interest on Debt,	2,000 00
" Contingent Bills,	1,100 00
	$6,900 80
State Tax,	2,947 53
County Tax,	603 63
Overlayings,	425 78
Collector's Premium,	165 65
	$11,043 39
Additional Assessment,	58 66
	$11,102 05
Valuation,	$506,020 00
Additional valuation,	1,470 00
Total valuation,	$507,490 00

Number of Polls, 392.

Per centage of taxation, 19 1-2 mills on the dollar.

DISBURSEMENTS.

LAND DAMAGES FOR TOWN WAY ON CHEBEAGUE.

Pd. John Hamilton,	$10 00	Pd. Robert Hamilton,	$30 00
Heirs of Rufus Soule,	46 00	Ross & Hamilton,	120 00
David Hill,	120 00	Samuel Ross,	43 00
Simeon Hamilton,	56 00	Hairs of B. Hamilton,	45 00
Isaac Webber,	29 00	Wm. P. Littlefield,	117 00
Asa Doughty,	6 00	David Upton,	29 00
David Peterson,	73 00	Seth Kiggins,	97 00
David Bennett,	15 00	Albert Warden,	25 00
Geo. Hannaford,	38 00	Hrs. of Elijah Soule,	19 00
Hezekiah Doughty,	24 00	Abner Hill,	16 00
A. Cleaves & W. Ross,	32 00	Nath'l Thompson,	14 00
Robert Littlefield,	24 00	David Hamilton,	77 00
Aaron Cleaves,	15 00	Byron Deane,	23 00
David A. Hill,	20 00		
Total,			$1,163 00

MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES,

Pd. Joseph Harris,	$5 60	Pd. Wm. M. Merrill,	$6 00
Moses Haskell,	1 80	Moses Thomes,	1 75
Ai Small, N. B. Latham,	2 80	Peter Merrill,	4 60
Eben'r Merrill,	5 80	13. L. Clough,	7 00
J. Coffin,	4 40	Gilman Thurston,	18 76
A. & E. Rupell,	6 15	Albert Sweetsir,	3 00
Benj. Pote,	5 00	P. A. Merrill,	4 41
Lyman Walker,	8 70	David Wyman,	5 19
Anson N. Hicks,	3 13	N. M. Shaw,	10 00
B. B. Sweetser,	2 75	Joseph Clough,	4 45
T. F. Chamberlain,	13 00	Sumner Sturdivant,	13 00
E. B. Shaw,	1 75	Daniel Mountfort,	2 40
S. L. Clough, for plank,	12 25		
David Allen, labor and materials, repairing bridge,			25 25
Total,			$168 34
Interest paid on Notes,			$1,422 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Enos Blanchard, keeping and fare of transient paupers,	$ 4 30
Wm. Rupell, supplies to R. Titcomb,	6 00
Hollis Doughty, " " "	19 54
J. R. Frost, board of Mrs. Simmons,	32 14
Hollis Doughty, supplies to R. Titcomb,	22 33
H. H. Hay & Co., medicine for John Doughty,	6 90
Parsons & Grant, for R. Titcomb,	5 38
J. R. Frost, for Mrs. Simmons,	30 60
N. L. Humphrey, for Eph'm Field,	14 52
Enos Blanchard, for transient paupers,	1 50
J. E. Dunn, for R. Titcomb,	26 11
Dr. F. I. Hall, for Mrs. Simmans,	9 50
J. W. Hanscorn, for R. Titcomb,	25 00
C. H. Morrell, for R. Titcomb,	2 50
Hollis Doughty, for R. Titcomb,	1 58
Insane Hospital, for Mitchell & Eaton,	146 87
" " " " "	68 72
" " " " "	74 79
J. Tukesbury, for Olive Titcomb,	1 25
Dr. J. M. Bates, for R. Titcomb,	9 00
R. Rideout, for Mrs. Simmons and John Doughty,	14 11
Chas. H. Blanchard, support of F. W. Blanchard,	84 30
T. D. Pittes, for clothing for Chas. A. F. Blanchard,	8 00
City of Saco, for support of Mary & Chas. A. F. Blanchard,	68 12
Asa Sawyer! for board of Olive Titcomb,	30 00
Reuben Hill, supplies to poor on Chebeague,	58 41
Total,	$771 47

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Jacob Black, repairs on cemetery,	$ 4 00
A. S. Sweetser, services as Town Clerk,	4 00
Asa Greely, " Moderator,	4 00
Asa Sawyer, for collecting taxes,	120 00
F. P. Blanchard, for damages to sleigh on the road,	5 00
Town of N. Yarmouth, for use of derrick,	8 00
Wm. L. Prince, services as Committee and Auditor,	3 75
Abatement of taxes to Collector for 1871,	17 10
Joseph Sawyer, witness in Whitney case,	4 20
Wm. I. Blanchard, wood for Town House,	4 00
" " witness in Whitney case,	2 38
" " repairing Town House windows,	1 92
F. York, for materials, building, and repairing grave pard fence and hearse house,	87 05
Asa Greely, for traveling expenses,	4 15
R. Rideout & Son, for powder, fuse, &c,	4 78
N. L. Humphrey, for stationery, nails, &c.,	5 79
Hoyt, Fogg & Breed, for stationery,	6 50
Joseph Sturdivant, fence posts,	5 00
N. L. Humphrey, traveling expenses,	21 20
Asa Sawyer, for advertising non-resident estates, &c.,	4 50
Strout & Gage, attorneys,	296 00
Total,	$613 22

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

N. L. Humphrey, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	$89 75
Asa Greely, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	60 50
Reuben Hill, " " " "	25 00
G. B. Richardson, Supervisor of Schools,	55 00
" " traveling expenses,	20 00
A. S. Sweetser, Town Clerk,	10 00
Wm. S. Blanchard, Constable,	13 00
Asa Sawyer, Treasurer,	30 00
	$303 25
Amount of school money from all sources,	$2,152 87
Paid for support of schools,	1,317 00
Balance due Districts Feb. 22, 1873,	$835 87

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury, March, 1872,	$3,696 41
Cash received of Joseph Blanchard,	155 25
" " John Wilson,	156 00
" " Wm. Merrill,	1,000 00
" " State Treasurer,	52 01
Assessors return of Town Tax,	7,551 28
Cash from Cumberland School Fund,	102 62
Cash from Charles Wyman,	75 00
	$12,788 57
Amount paid out,	6,671 63
Balance due,	$6,116 94

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due Greely Institute,	$20,320 00
Notes due Cumberland School Fund,	870 00
Notes due sundry individuals,	4,925 00
Interest due on the foregoing notes,	850 00
Balance due school districts,	835 00
" for land damages,	325 00
" Collector's premiums,	260 00
Miscellaneous outstanding bills, estimated at	175 00
Total liabilities,	$28,560 00

RESOURCES,

Balance due from Town Farm,	$6,116 00
School money due from the State,	750 00
Amount due from individuals,	950 00
Total resources,	$7,816 00
Net liabilities,	$20,744 00

N. L. HUMPHREY,
ASA GREELY,
REUBEN HILL,
} Selectmen of Cumberland.

ASA SAWYER, Town Treasurer.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In summing up the records of the past year, it is a pleasure to be able to say, that we have had some excellent schools. Where there has been an intelligent interest on the part of the district, success has generally followed. Not always, for the best efforts of the agents, will sometimes prove abortive through the unwise recommendation of teachers. It is a lamentable fact that indifferent teachers can bring the most unqualified recommendations. We are obliged to form an opinion of their fitness by our own knowledge and interest, or by actual trial. It would be a safe rule for agents and others employing teachers to place no dependence upon certificates unless they are well acquainted with those who give them, and even then there should be the greatest caution. The first and most essential requisite for a successful school is a good teacher. The cooperation of parents is indeed necessary, but this is usually gained by an instructor, that understands his business. We cannot too earnestly urge upon the citizens of this town, the importance of sparing no pains or money in obtaining the best talent and culture that can be found. In these days ***skill*** is at a premium in all other departments of business, and should be especially so in the responsible work of teaching. But the idea is too prevalent in some quarters, that almost any body will do to teach some of our backward schools. Cheapness is the great desideratum with many. They estimate the value of a school by its length. When will people believe the oft repeated and true statement that six weeks of instruction under a skillful teacher is better than twelve weeks under one that is not qualified for his work. It oftens happens that it takes a whole term to ***unlearn*** bad habits of study. We may truly say that much of the reading in

our schools is worse than nothing. Time enough is spent but frequently no right instruction is given.

To remedy this state of things, we must *insist* upon well qualified teachers, and be willing to pay them, so that they can afford to fit themselves for the most efficient work. The times have changed so that it is useless to think of securing gentlemen or ladies at the old rates. An intelligent and enterprising lady will not undertake the laborious task of teaching for 3 or 4 dollars per week, when she can earn twice as much in other pursuits, and no one can blame her. Every one in our districts would do the same. We are aware that in the midst of high taxes the suggestion of higher wages will be unwelcome to some. But the money that we *now* raise would secure almost double the amount of real good to our schools, if it should be wisely expended. What we want is more thorough work, and to retain the same teachers term after term. Two weeks of a term are often wasted by introducing a new teacher. Than on account of careless and imperfect teaching the same ground is gone over, and very little advance made. The pupils are not interested as they would be if they were constantly making progress. Scholars should not be allowed to proceed faster than they can master the subject in hand, and then should continue straightforward. We all remember how we went over arithmetic time after time, and then knew little about it. Let us have thorough drill in every branch of study, so that what the pupils *do* know they shall know certainly, and once for all. We are all satisfied that many of the teachers who now accomplish only inferior results are capable of qualifying themselves for efficient service, and *would* do so if we demanded it, and paid them for it. During this winter we held two meetings, to which all the teachers were invited — to discuss methods of teaching, and the best way to manage a school. We believe that such meetings are of great advantage, as the teachersget the benefit of each others experience.

We suggest to the agents that they send the candidates to the Superintending Committee or Supervisor immediately for examination, so that if not qualified another may be secured before the

term commences. In three cases during the last year, districts have suffered by not doing this, instead of putting the teachers into school without a certificate. What we need is the cooperation of agents and parents, and the careful supervision of the general committee, then will our schools take the high stand which we so much desire.

The variety of text books is a grievous evil in this town. In some districts there are two kinds of arithmetic, two grammars and sometimes two or three different readers. In order to remedy this difficulty there must be a stand at the institute, for the pupils go from the different districts to this school and back again, and carry the books used there. As me have no permanent board of trustees over this excellent institution, there has never been a list of books established, hence every teacher has introduced what books he pleased. There should be uniformity between this school and the other schools in town. This can easily be secured if the proper steps are taken. Frequent change of books is a great detriment, as in too many cases all through the State, good books have been thrown aside for inferior ones. We had better spend our funds in securing the best talent in our teachers, then, almost any kind of hooks mill suffice. "The love of money is the root[n] of this constant change. Agents from the different publishing houses, beset us almost weekly to examine their wares, but we have seen no book yet, that will furnish our children with brains.

Amount of school money, $2152,87, appropriated as follows:

District No. 1,	$164 94	District No. 7,	$166 86
" " 2,	238 74	" " 8,	352 87
" " 3,	242 20	" " 9,	366 70
" " 4,	154 18	" " 11,	92 28
" " 5,	170 70	" " 13,	154 18
" " 6,	45 76		

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term. Agent, William Blanchard. Teacher, D. E. Sturdivant.

Miss Sturdivant is a fine scholar, and has many excellent qualities for a teacher. If she had a more modern style of teaching she would secure better results. But it mould be doubted whether she could accomplish all she would desire in such an uncouth and antique schoolroom as that in which she found herself last summer. Under the circumstances the pupils made fair improvement. There are bright scholars in this school, and it would be wisdom for the people of the district to furnish them a better room. It is almost a wonder that much can be done in such a dismal place.

Winter Term. Teacher, M. F. Anderson.

At my first visit the teacher seeemed to he at home in her work, and to have the confidence and respect of her pupils. There are some fine readers in this school, and also are far advanced in their other studies.

Miss A. was critical in her instruction and thorough in her drill. The order was good. There was some annoyance between some of the parents, who so far forgot wisdom and duty as to encourage their children in disobedience. It is not pleasant to refer to this, but it is of the utmost importance that children learn to yield to wholesome restraint, if they do not - their future is anything but promising.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term. Agent, Alvin Sturdivant. Teacher, Lizzie J. Rideout.

Miss Rideout found this school in a sad condition, the scholars under little restraint. It took nearly four weeks to reduce them to order. But the teacher succeeded in gaining their love and in bringing them under a proper discipline. She was kind, but firm, thorough in drill, and therefore secured most cheering results. At the closing examination, the schoolroom was beautifully decorated, and the pupils were anxious to show what they had learned.

There was a promptness in recitation that was very gratifying. This school in my opinion was a decided success.

Winter Term. Teacher, Frank Rogers.

Mr. Rogers came to us with the highest recommendations, and passed a most satisfactory examination. He is a young man of most excellent character, and was very desirous to succeed. But we feared at the very outset that he might be deficient in energy and tact, but as he was young, we wished to give him a fair trial and hoped that he would prove that our fears were groundless. He gained the love and esteem of his pupils, which were shown by the valuable presents which he received at' the close of the term.

But the final examination showed that the earnest efforts of the agent and the supervisor, together with the best intentions and endeavors of the teacher do not always secure success. The order mas defective. While Mr. R. had the good will of many of his pupils, there were others that did not care to submit to good discipline. There was a want of promptness in recitation. We can but hope that there were better results than appeared. There are elements in this district that render it very difficult for any teacher, and this will account in some measure for the want of success. Mr. R. would doubtless have accomplished more in some other school;

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term. Agent, John Wilson. Teacher, Mary S. Rideout.

This district has had the advantage of retaining the same teacher for several successive terms. Miss Rideout is at home among children, and possesses many qualities that fit her for a teacher. She knows how to win the love of her pupils, and secure their obedience. She is patient and unwearied in her efforts for their improvement.

There were some most excellent readers in this school during the summer term. We have scarcely ever heard better reading. The other recitations were very good, especially in arithmetic.

Fall Term. Teacher, Mary S. Rideout.

This school suffers more than any other in town, by a constant drain of its pupils. As soon as they are twelve years of age, they pass over to the Institute. It is a great discouragement to a teacher to part with her scholars just as they become interested in their studies, and it is a great damage to a school to lose its best pupils.

But the work done here is none the less important — the foundation is laid, and the children prepared to take their place in the higher school.

There are many of the smaller ones that have made rapid progress during the past year — indeed all have made good improvement. We wish that the teacher would require more of her scholars, and insist upon more earnest application. The winter term is not closed and therefore we will not report concerning it.

District No. 4.

Summer Term. Agent, Josiah Merrill. Teacher, Emily Leighton.

This district have shown that enterprise and public spirit in erecting a convenient and comfortable school room. They need to add some apparatus to make it complete. There should be in every school-house a dictionary, globe and outline maps at least.

Miss Leighton secured the affection of her scholars, and accomplished fair results. We thought she did not teach self independence as much as she should. The children here especially need it. A certain modesty and diffidence are desirable, but they may be excessive. Children should be taught to think for themselves, and know the reason of things. This school was on the whole a profitable one.

Winter Term. Teacher, Eliza H. Morton.

This teacher had a rare faculty of interesting her pupils, and of teaching them practical things. She introduced drawing, the drafting of bills of sale and various other forms used in mercantile life. Some very fine works executed by the scholars were pre-

sented at the closing examination. We cannot commend too highly her methods of teaching. There was a readiness in recitation that was delightful. If the children could conquer their bashfulness and speak louder they would appear to excellent advantage. The spelling was very fine, especially on the part of the little ones.

Several of the parents and friends of this district showed their appreciation by their presence at the examination. All were highly gratified. We pronounce this a successful school.

District No. 5.

Summer Term. Agent, A. M. Small. Teacher, Ellen M. Skillins.

On my first visit the order was good, and the school promised fair success. The reading was defective and showed that there had not been proper drill. Reading lies at the foundation of all knowledge, and too much attention cannot be devoted to it. It is a singular fact that when half of the school hours are spent in this department we do not receive better returns. At close of the term I found some improvement, but there was the appearance of inattention. This school needs to be stirred up. There is good material here—it must be worked and moulded. We were hardly satisfied with the progress of this school.

Winter Term. Teacher, Miss Lawrence.

Miss Lawrence's, literary qualitications were ample, and she is naturally active. The order in this school was excellent. There were several young men who gave character to it.

The final examination evinced patient study and faithful instruction. The classes in reading were good, especially the first and second. The recitations in arithmetic and geography were creditable. There was a good deal of diffidence which annoyed the teacher and hindered the scholars from doing themselves full justice.

However we think good improvement was made.

District No. 6.

This school is under the supervision of Parmouth, so we have no report of it.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term. Agent, George Merrill. Teacher, Maria G. Buxton.

At our first visit we found that the children were all delighted with their teacher. The order was perfect and the pupils studious. Miss Buxton has a most happy faculty of securing the affection of her scholars. She is untiring in her efforts for their good, and decided in her government. There is no friction — the wheels run smoothly. At the close of the term I found that there had been great improvement in all the studies pursued. The reading was natural and showed careful and excellent drill. Miss B. is one of our best readers, and has a power to teach this most important branch, which few possess. We wish that she could be retained as a teacher since nature has specially qualified her for this work.

Winter Term. Teacher, Ella Hadlock.

Miss Hadlock has had considerable experience in teaching, and is well qualified. She understands the nature of children, and governs by love. Therefore it is not necessary to say that she gave satisfaction to the district.

The last day of school was unfavorable, as a deep snow had fallen the day before, so that not all the scholars were present. But those that were there showed that they had improved their privileges and were desirous to do their best. There were several declamations that were gratifying. The pupils were very much interested in this exercise. I would recommend that it be introduced into every school.

DISTRICT NO. 8. (Chebeague.)

Summer Term. Agent, Albert Warden. Teacher, Helen Forbes.

This school was commenced nine days before the teacher was presented for examination. Her literary qualifications appeared to be sufficient, and she had an earnest desire to succeed. This was her first effort in teaching, and the school difficult. If we could have seen her ***before*** she began, we should have said in all

kindness, that she had better not undertake such a task at first. With a smaller school she would doubtless have showed more satisfactory results. As it was, I am sorry to say, that it was far from a success.

This district, especially, should secure without regard to expense the best teachers that can be found.

Winter Term. Teacher, Lyman Sturdivaat.

This school was visited after it had been in session one week. The order was all that could be desired. We did not notice a whisper during the afternoon, and every scholar was in his place. Mr. Sturdivant gained the confidence of the pupils and of the parents.

At our second visit near the close of the term, we found the same order and the same attention to study. The recitations mere prompt, and indicated a good degree of application. Some difficult problems were performed with readiness.

We think this a profitable school, and the district will employ the teacher three weeks longer than it was expected at first. This district needs sadly a new school-house, or their present house thoroughly repaired. They also need some convenient out buildings. The *health* as well as morals of the pupils imperatively demand it. We earnestly entreat them to take this matter in hand.

DISTRICT NO. 9. (Chebeague.)

Summer Term. Agent, David Hill. Teacher, Maria L. Buxton.

This district was especially fortunate in securing the services of Miss Buxton. Nature as well as culture has qualified her for a teacher. She has tact and skill, united with gentleness and decision. Therefore her pupils loved her and made rapid progress in their studies. The gentlemen whom I requested to visit the school at its close, say "we found it in a very prosperous condition. The order was excellent, and the scholars ware prompt in their lessons. We are free to say that Miss Buxton is one of the very best teachers that we ever had in this district. The schoo

was first class in every respect." I will add, they have a beautiful and convenient school-room, and an ample apparatus.

Winter Term. Teacher, Seth Eenson.

It is a rare privilege to visit a school under the tuition of such a teacher as Mr. Benson. He gives you at once the idea that he is "master of the situation," and the pupils show that they yield willing and cheerful obedience. Re has had a large experience and a wide reputation.

At the closing examination, we found that the scholars had learned to think for themselves—could give a reason for their opinions. The classes in reading were unusually satisfactory—there was a self-possession and clear enunciation that were charming. All the recitations evinced patient study and thorough drill.

This district have shown decided wisdom in employing this teacher two minters—their money was never better expended.

DISTRICT No. 11. (Crotch Island.)

This district is so far out at sea, that I did not visit it. There Bas been a school on the Island this winter, but no returns have been made.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Fall and Winter Term. Agent, David Merrill. Teacher, M. O. Merrill.

This school appeared very well at my first visit. The order was good, and the scholars industrious. Miss Merrill has a fine faculty for teaching reading. . She is a natural reader herself and can render a piece, so that her pupils can catch the true idea of it. There was a marked improvement in this branch. As the term has not yet closed, I cannot speak of all the results.

At my second visit, I thought that the school was making good progress in their several studies. Some of the scholars are backward, for the reason that they have had only a few weeks of schooling in a year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. RICHARDSON, Supervisor of Schools.

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REPORT.

MONEY RAISED MARCH, 1873.

For Schools,	$1,300 80
" Poor,	900 00
" Highway,	2,000 00
" Notes and Interest,	2,000 00
" Contingent Bills,	1,200 00
	$7,400 80
State tax,	2,563 59
County tax,	723 79
Overlayings,	292 21
Total,	$10,980 39

Total valuation, $544,855.00.
No. of polls, 391.
Rate, $1.80 per $100.00.

EXPENDITURES ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid A. M. Small,	$ 61 50
O. D. Dike, surveying road,	16 00
John Wilson, labor on highway,	8 75
Isaiah Elder, Island road,	1,350 33
C. E. Herrick, labor on highway,	67 25
Chas. H. Merrill, " "	80 88
A. M. Small, " "	5 50
Josiah Harris, " "	14 00
Samuel Skillings, " "	22 00
Asa Merrill, " "	25 97

Paid John Blanchard,	labor on highway,		$ 60 93
John N. Farwell,	"	"	24 00
Nelson M. Shaw,	"	"	83 25
F. P. Blanchard,	"	"	30 00
Moses Haskell,	"	"	22 00
C. H. Blanchard,	"	"	20 95
Asa Merrill,	"	"	31 40
Peter Merrill,	"	"	58 90
Eben Merrill,	"	"	4 80
Moses Haskell,	"	"	53 10
S. M. Loring,	"	"	53 85
I. O. Pearson,	"	"	2 50
M. W. Pearson,	"	"	30 00
John Blanchard,	"	"	87 25
Joseph Sawyer,	"	"	8 40
N. M. Shaw,	"	"	29 05
Asa Sawyer,	"	"	16 80
I. W. Morrison,	"	"	23 20
I. W. Morrison,	"	"	9 50
A. M. Small,	"	"	12 65
Samuel Skillings,	"	"	29 35
John Hamilton,	"	"	27 17
Daniel Stowell,	"	"	48 21
Jeriah Harris,	"	"	19 95
J. N. Farwell,	"	"	39 55
Charles Wyman,	"	"	35 65
M. Morton,	"	"	2 00
J. T. Skillin,	"	"	4 50
Dana Tuttle,	"	"	1 20
Asa Sawyer,	"	"	3 00
S. T. Merrill,	"	"	66 73
W. H. Wilson,	"	"	2 00
C. E. Herrick,	"	"	36 10
			$2,630 12
Sum raised by town,			2,000 00
Balance against town,			$630 12

MONEY PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Dr. W. Osgood for visits to J. Doughty,	$10 00
J. W. Hanscom, board of R. Titcomb,	25 00
Town of Yarmouth, board of S. Simmons,	87 17
J. Stubbs, board of P. Sweetsir,	27 00
J. Stubbs, board of Mrs. P. Sweetsir,	4 08
Hollis St. Clair, wood for R. Titcomb,	8 19
Insane hospital, as per bill,	66 83
Samuel Clough for digging grave,	3 00
John Hanscom, board and funeral expenses R. Titcomb,	47 00
City of Saco for Mary Blanchard,	122 58
H. Eaton for going to depot for remains of Mary Rlanchard,	3 00
W. S. Blanchard, for going after remains of Mrs. Blanchard to Saco,	4 53
City of Saco for C. Blanchard,	10 00
C. E. Herrick, taking Mrs. Hamilton to Augusta,	13 60
Mary Rideout, board of Mrs. Sweetsir,	15 00
Leighton and Wilson for J. Doughty,	5 00
Mary Rideout, board of Mrs. Sweetsir,	27 50
Dr. Bates, one visit John Jones,	3 00
C. E. Herrick, taking J. Jones to Augusta,	14 20
C. H. Blanchard, board of F. Blanchard,	35 50
Insane hospital for Mitchell, Eaton, and Mrs. Hamilton,	71 02
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Mary Rideout, board Mrs. Sweetsir,	30 00
Town of Yarmouth, board of Mrs. Simmons,	63 29
C. H. Blanchard, board of F. Blanchard,	25 00
Enos Blanchard, keeping transient panpers,	2 25
Hamilton & Co. for support poor on Island,	56 15
Mary Rideout, board of Mrs. Sweetsir,	30 00
Insane hospital for Mitchell, Eaton and Jones,	73 83
	$1,087 00
Sum raised by town,	900 00
Balance against town,	$187 00

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid interest on $250 mote,		$15 00
"	$1,000 note,	75 00
"	note,	4 87
"	Greely Institute note,	180 00
"	Greely Institute $12,000 note,	360 00
"	Greely Institute $6,000 note,	120 00
"	Greely Institute $318 note,	19 08
"	$250 note,	15 00
"	Greely Institute $12,000 & $6,000 note,	540 00
"	Cumberland school fund,	52 62
"	$3,325 note,	281 49
Paid interest to Isaiah Elder,		13 32
		$1,676 38
Amount raised,		2,000 00
Balance favor of town,		$323 62

CONTINGENCIES.

Paid A. S. Sweetsir, services as town clerk,	$3 00
Asa Greely, moderator,	3 00
Joab Black, superintending burying grounds,	3 00
C. Wyman, witness fees,	2 50
C. Wyman, auditing accounts,	1 00
C. Wyman for stringers for bridge,	5 00
William M. Marks for printing reports,	19 00
S. B. Clough, superintending grave yard,	2 50
O. S. Collins, hauling bridge plank,	2 00
Asa Greely, surveying Island road,	11 50
Asa Sawyer for advertising real estate,	3 50
Asa Sawyer " "	3 00
R. T. Rideout, labor on highway,	1 50
Hoyt, Fogg & Breed, stationery,	96
D. L. Blanchard, recording assessments,	6 00
Dresser, McLellan & Co., stationery,	13 16
Hoyt & Fogg, "	13 31

Paid Benjamin Merrill, witness fees,	$5 70
C. Wyman, "	4 44
John Wilson, "	5 94
Joseph Sawyer, "	4 50
Levi Lufkin, "	5 94
W. C. Rideout, photographs,	5 00
J. Merrill, labor on highways,	3 40
W. L. Prince, witness fees,	5 94
Reuben Hill, services as selectman,	24 65
C. M. Farwell, collector, tax on A. H. Buxton's real estate,	5 81
C. M. Farwell, collector, tax on Joseph Starling's farm bid in by town,	15 70
Treasurer cost and tax on non-res. lands bid in by town,	6 42
W. S. Blanchard, witness fees,	4 96
W. S. Blanchard, bridge plank,	9 39
Treasurer tax and cost on real estate bid in by town,	36 15
Treasurer " " " " "	67 35
Treasurer " " " " "	56 62
Treasurer " " " " "	9 87
Dresser, McLellan & Co., paper,	75
W. K. Neal, making petition,	2 DO
Asa Sawyer, traveling expenses,	6 50
C. E. Herrick, traveling and other expenses,	40 39
C. M. Farwell, commissions for 1872,	60 65
C. M. Farwell, " " 1873,	120 00
W. S. Blanchard, traveling expenses,	12 69
Rev. G. B. Richardson, services as school superviso ,	60 00
Rev. G. B. Richardson, traveling expenses,	31 25
C. E. Herrick, services as selectman,	127 25
W. S. Blsnchard, " "	81 25
A. S. Sweetsir, " town clerk,	10 00
Asa Sawyer, " treasurer,	40 00
John Sawyer, work on highway,	80
Jacob Merrill, as per bill,	3 00
Am't of snow bills for the winters of 1872 & 1873,	405 95
	$1,367 19
Sum raised,	1,200 00
Balance against town,	$167 19

ABATEMENTS.

Abated as per vote of town, all taxes previous to 1871,	$1,313 27
" on Asa Sawyer's bills for 1871, as per vote of town,	87 48
Abated on C. M. Farwell's bills for 1872, as per vote of town,	85 12
Abated by selectmen for 1872,	42 95
" " 1873,	121 47
" " 1872,	2 36
Total,	$1,652 63

SUMMARY.

Amount raised for poor,	$900 00;	expended,	$1,087 00
" " highway,	2,000 00;	"	2,630 12
" " notes & int.,	2,000 00;	"	1,676 38
" " contingen's,	1,200 00;	"	1,367 19
Total,	$6,100 00		$6,760 69
			6,100 00
Balance against town,			$660 69
Amount of abatements,			1,652 63
Total balance,			$2,313 32

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due sundry individuals,	$4,825 00
" " Greely Institute,	20,818 00
" " Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Interest due on foregoing notes,	300 00
Balance due school districts,	653 49
Outstanding bills estimated at,	450 00
Total liabilities,	$27,923 49

AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer,	$4,168 28
Due from individuals, tax bid in by town,	185 34
Notes and interest secured by mortgage deed,	900 00
Total availabilities,	$5,243 62
Balance against town,	$22,679 87

CHARLES E. HERRICK,
WM. S. BLANCHARD,
REUBEN HILL,
} Selectmen of Cumberland.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury, March 5th, 1873,	$5,555 33
Cash received of Joseph Harris,	2 90
" " " C. E. Herrick,	3 00
" " " *J. B.* Mansfield,	60.00
Received from Cumberland School fund,	102 62
Taxes committed for the year 1873,	7,811 00
Received from State Mill tax,	575 56
" " " School fund and savings bank tax,	386 29
" " W. S. Elanchard,	4 00
" " Greely Institute,	500 00
" " Selectmen,	40 00
Total,	$15,041 45
Paid out Tom Orders,	10,873 17
Balance due Town,	$4,168 28
Amount due from collector, 1871,	$28 55
" " " " 1872,	38 86
" " " " 1873,	3,619 07
Total amount due from collectors,	$3,686 48
Cash on hand to balance,	481 80
	$4,168 28

ASA SAWYER, Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

In compliance with a vote of the town, the Trustees of the Greely Institute ask leave to submit the following report :

The school commenced its spring term with Mr. G. M. Seiders, Principal, and Miss, Maggie Blanchard, Assistant. Whole number of scholars, fifty-nine, of which ten were from out of town.

Fall term, Mr. G. M. Seiders, Principal, Miss Maggie Blanchard and Mr. Geo. W. Lufkin, Assistants. Unfortunately for the school Miss Blanchard's services closed with this term. It was a great loss to the school, she being a very superior teacher. Whole number of scholars, seventy-nine, of which eighteen were from out of town.

Winter term, Mr. G. M. Seiders, Principal, Mr. G. W. Lufkin and Miss L. Blanchard, Assistants. Whole number of scholars sixty-seven, of which fourteen were from out of town. The school is in a very flourishing condition, and it owes its high reputation to the efficient and capable management of the principal. Owing to the large number of classes it requires two assistants, therefore one is obliged to take the laboratory for a recitation room which is in no way suitable, therefore the trustees most earnestly recommend the town to finish the upper story.

PERMANENT FUND.

For town of Cumberland, note,	$12,000 00
" " " "	6,000 00
" " " "	2,000 00
Total,	$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	$410 58
May and November dividends,	24 33
	$434 91
Cash drawn as per bill,	28 74
Balance in bank,	$406 17

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	$486 33
May and November dividends,	29 40
	$515 73
Cash drawn as per bill,	8 25
Balance in Bank,	$507 48

Dr. *Income of Permanent Fund in account*

Paid W. F. Phillips & Co., as per bill,	$ 47
Samuel Rounds for coal,	3 43
Paul Prince & Son for coal,	30 00
W. D. Little & Co., insurance,	45 75
O. S. Thorns, as per receipt for organ,	15 00
S. M. Rideout, repairs,	16 44
D. L. Blanchard, 15 writing lessons,	8 00
Miss M. J. Blanchard, assistant,	121 00
G. M. Seiders, as per bill,	354 08
Geo. Sweetsir, care of Institute,	15 00
D. M. Lawrence for coal,	80 20
E. G. Prince, hauling coal,	15 50
J. S. Staples, printing catalogues,	37 35
S. M. Rideout, repairs,	5 14
C. E. Herrick, as per bill,	2 50
G. M. Seiders, principal,	366 66
M. J. Blanchard, assistant,	132 00
Dresser & Co., tuition book,	2 75
W. S. Blanchard for wood,	5 62
Geo. Sweetsir, care of Institute,	18 00
G. M. Seiders, as per bill,	16 15
Nutter Bros. & Co., stove, &c.,	7 82
Sprinkler, collars and work,	3 25
Geo. W. Lufkin,	6 00
T. B. Reed, attorney,	21 15
G. M. Seiders, principal,	366 66
Geo. W. Lufkin, assistant,	96 00
Fred W. Sturdivant, care of Institute,	19 80
Miss Louise D. Blanchard,	12 00
J. N. Farwell, repairs,	2 00
C. E. Herrick, services as trustee,	25 00
Town of Cumberland for note,	500 00
	$2,350 72
Cash to balance,	101 67
	$2,452 39

with Trustees of Greely Institute. CR.

By Cash balance from 1872,	$ 245 31
Cash received from Savings bank,	335 00
Interest on town note,	180 00
Tuition of Dr. C. Lord,	2 50
Cash for catalogues,	9 00
Interest on town note,	360 00
" "	120 00
" "	19 08
Cash for tuition spring term,	50 00
" " fall term,	83 50
" " T. D. Pettee for 1872,	8 00
Cash from State,	500 00
Interest on town notes,	540 00
	$2,452 39

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	$835 58
May dividend,	25 05
	$860 57
For cash drawn for deficiency, spring term,	335 00
	$525 57
For November dividend,	15 75
Balance in Bank,	$541 32
For town of Cumberland, note,	318 00
" " " "	500 00
For tuition due,	84 00
For cash balance on accounts,	101 67
Total,	$1,544 99

CHARLES E. HERRICK,
WM. S. BLANCHARD,
REUBEN HILL,
} Trustees of Greely Institute.

SCHOOL REPORT.

During the past year, there has been fair progress in some of the schools. In others, far less has been accomplished than ought to have been. But if the children have not learned all they might have learned, your committee feels that he has gained more knowledge of schools, during the last twelve months, than in any previousyear. If the people will receive and act upon the suggestions which may be made as the result of that knowledge, the year may not prove unprofitable. Never before have I been so thoroughly impressed with the importance of our common schools, or seen so clearly the defects of our system. It is a vital question, how can these schools become more efficient? Until the citizens are convinced of the *necessity* and *possibility* of improvement, they will not put forth those efforts or adopt those means which will ensure the greatest success.

As the laws now are, the *source* of ***power,*** and the place to begin reform, are in the districts themselves. The people should have a settled policy, that they will employ the best teachers that can be obtained. Perhaps all will say, that this is now the determination. It may be the intention, but it is most meagrely carried out. The best cannot be secured without the utmost care. I do not say that the first class should be sought in every case, but those adapted to the special work to be done. The idea seems to be deeply imbedded in the minds of many, that almost any body can teach our backward schools. There never was a more absurd or ruinous notion. It is true that these schools do not need teachers so far advanced in study, but they *do* demand the greatest tact, energy and enthusiasm. If the children are dull, all the more they should have instructors who can inspire and stimulate

them. They must awaken in them a love of study, and teach them to apply themselves. Mere learning, or we might say, mere knowledge of books, is a very small part of the qualifications needed for the business of teaching. Some who have made high attainments in science and literature, make the poorest teachers. Hence we should seek for those who have some natural ability for the profession—those who have character, and are "born to command."

It is the greatest folly to hire any, because they are cheap—they are the dearest in the end. Neither is it wisdom to increase the wages, unless the work is better. Notwithstanding what was said last year in regard to raising wages, I must say that enough and more than enough is now paid in many cases. What me want is better teachers than we now have; then we can afford to pay them. We have a few that are all that could be desired. Many commence teaching while too young. Let us insist upon the best talent. It is easy enough for people to see that one man, on the farm or in the shop, is better worth two dollars per day, than another is one dollar, but they do not think the same holds true in regard to teaching. As long as we pay the same price for inferior work in the school-room, that we do for the best, we cannot elevate our schools.

Just here great responsibility rests upon the agents in the several districts. Then let every district elect the best man as agent. If you select one who has some favorite to employ as teacher, or who will take no interest, but will hire the first person that applies, and at the cheapest rate, you can blame none but yourselves, if the school is a failure. Every person, whether he has children or not, has a deep and vital interest in this choice, and should by all means attend the district school meeting. There is no meeting held, more important to the interests of education than this; yet it is often considered by many, of the least importance. Choose the right man, and you may leave the business to his care for that year. I would most earnestly beg of the citizens to notice *this one* thing; if you do, this report will be well worth all its cost.

And here let me say that unless the districts do perform their

duty in the selection of the agent, the superintendent can accomplish little—his hands are often completely tied—his best efforts utterly futile. But you will say, that he has the power of rejecting a teacher, if he is not suitable. This is true, and yet it will do little good, unless the people are bound to have the best teachers, and the agent secures the right one, in the first place. The agent has the advantage. He can enquire into the past record of the applicant, and can *know* whether he is fit for the place. The superintendent has no such opportunity; he must judge by the literary qualifications of the candidate, and by his general knowledge of human nature. We are sometimes almost obliged to give certificates in cases where me should by no means hire the persons. They may be fine scholars, but me can know nothing of their past success—we have no means of knowing; recommendations arc of no account, we lost all confidence in them long ago. We must have actual knowledge of what the person has done. Therefore, there should be the closest sympathy between the superintending committee and the agents, for it is only by working *together,* that the best results can be reached. If the committee have been in office a year or more, they know who of the teachers have succeeded in town, and they may also know of others whom they can endorse. It is then the part of the commonest prudence, that the agents consult with the suporintending committee before they engage, unless they can secure one who has already given satisfaction in the district. This year I have come to the full conviction that the wisest may, mould be to put the hiring of teachers into the hands of the euperintendent, *if* you can find the right man—one of sound judgment, of broad views, and wholly unselfish. The objection to the "centralization of power," cannot be sustained. The thing is, to have the work done in the best manner. It would not do to commit this power to every body, but to one, who would be a *servant* to the people, and would carry out their mill.

Something has been done, to secure uniformity of school books in town. The geographies are now alike, with a small exception, and the grammars nearly so. This has been done at a very small

expense—not more than thirty dollars. I mould recommend that Eaton's Arithmetic be thrown out. Two-thirds or three-quarters of the pupils now have Greenleaf 's, which are much to be preferred. I thought it best to make only a partial change last year. No new books have been introduced, with the exception of eight--taken on trial.

One word as to the value of a printed report. It is easy to see, that it would render the teachers more careful, and one hint to a district mould be worth sometimes, more than fifty dollars, or it might save the wages of a whole term.

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Money raised by the Town,	$1,300 80
Town Fund,	102 62
Mill Tax,	575 56
Bank Tax and State Fund,	386 29
Whole amount,	$2,365 27

Distributed as follows:

	No. schol's.	10 pr ct.			No. schol's.	10 pr ct.	
No. 1.	48.	23.00.	$20'0.60.	No. 7.	50.	———	$185.00
" 2.	69.	———	255.30.	" 8.	98.	———	362.60
" 3.	79.	———	292.30.	" 9.	109.	———	403.30
" 4.	30.	59.00.	170.00.	" 11.	14.	30.00	81.80
" 5.	41.	37.00.	188.70.	" 12.	1.	———	3.70
" 6.	4.	31.00.	45.80.	" 13.	33.	56.00	174.40

DISTRICT No. 1.

Agent, Greenleaf Bibber. Summer Term. Teacher, D. G. Sturdivant.

At the first visit the school appeared well, and it was hoped that it would be a success. Such suggestions were made as were deemed necessary. The closing examination showed defective order and a carelessness in the recitations. The reading was too fast. More energy and decision mould have eecured better results. Still I am inclined to believe that Miss S. has the power in her if she will develope it.

Winter Term. Teacher, Ellen Blanchard.

At the commencement of the term the order was far from what it should be. The teacher was urged to improve it. At the close I found the order all that could be desired. The scholars are bright and by no means bashful. The reading in the two higher classes mas not up to what we have heard in some past terms. There was a "tone" which greatly marred the exercise. The other classes read remarkably well. The recitations in arithmetic and geography showed careful drill and close application.

This district needs most sadly a new school house.

District No. 2.

Agent, John Sawyer. Summer Term. Teacher, Florence Hill.

Miss H. passed a very creditable examination, and is a very worthy lady. But after visiting her school three times within four weeks, I most reluctantly advised her to resign. The order was exceedingly deficient, and the teaching more unsatisfactory. But the district called a meeting and voted to retain Miss H., and she therefore kept the school eight weeks longer. Your committee did not consider it wise to interfere, and did not visit the school at its close, as it was then in the hands of the district. The people now are probably satisfied that the first decision was right.

Winter Term. Teacher, Charles W. Jordan.

When I first visited this school this term, I thought it never appeared better. The teacher seemed to have the respect of his pupils; and if he had believed that whispering should be entirely forbidden, and none allowed to leave their seats except when absolutely necessary, the order would doubtless have been perfect. But it was not up to the standard. Still the pupils made good recitations, and showed careful drill, and that they had improved their time. The first class in reading had too high ideas as to their acquirements in this essential branch of study. On the whole the school was a fair success.

DISTRICT NO. **3.**

Agent, John Wilson. Snmmer Term. Teacher, Mary S. Rideout.

It is seldom that a district is so well satisfied with a teacher, as this is with Miss Rideout. She has been employed here for several years. The children like their teacher, and we can see a steady progress from term to term. Your committee feels that more shou ; be required of the scholars, but it is not certain that the district demands a stricter discipline. The children here are farther advanced, according to their age, than any in town.

Fall and Winter Terms.

At the last examination there was a decided improvement. The order mas better than me have ever seen it. The reading was good, and the other classes very satisfactory. One boy, eleven years old, Arnie Chase, performed a long and difficult problem in "Partial Payments," in a most creditable manner. Many of the other pupils did well. There were one or two declamations that added to the interest.

DISTRICT NO. **4.**

Agent, Cyrus Sham. Summer Term. Teacher, Sophronia Leighton.

This mas Miss Leighton's first attempt at teaching. The order was good, as it has always been when I have visited this school. The children in this district are well disposed, but we must say, too modest, too afraid to tell what they have learned. Miss L. was not energetic enough. The recitations did not show that care which is so desirable. Accuracy and decision are essential to good scholarship. This district should employ the best talent that can be found ; they need a teacher of great energy and power of inspiration.

Winter Term. Teacher, Helen M. Lawrence.

Miss Lawrence always succeeds in securing the confidznce and love of her pupils. The children in this district were delighted with their teacher. Her gentle and quiet ways perfectly coincide with the genius of the school. We could wish that to her excellent qualities, Miss L. could add a little more enthusiasm. These

children especially need it. They evidently had been well taught and had applied themselves to their studies, but they did not dare to let their voices out. I could not hear more than half of what they said. We gave them credit of knowing well their lessons. Let them cultivate the power of expression.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Agent, Enos Leighton. Summer Term. Teacher, Helen M. Lawrence.

At the commencement of this term, the full attendance was very noticeable. The order mas fair, and the school appeared well. There was not quite animation enough, and the reading **was** toa hurried. The recitations in arithmetic were good. There was creditable improvement in all the studies. The appreciation of the teacher mas shown by a valuable and appropriate gift from the pupils.

Winter Term. Teacher, Ida M. Stiles.

This teacher entered upon her work with a good degree of interest and determination. She found the school well disposed and easily governed. The older pupils did themselves special credit by their correct deportment. The classes in reading made a great degree of improvement. The first class in arithmetic evinced that they understood the ground gone over, the others did well. The second in grammar had made commendable progress. We should say that this school lacks enthusiasm, the pupils need to engage in their studies with more zeal.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Agent, Frank Blanchard. Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Mary Goodwin.

But one visit mas made to this school, as it is more especially under the care of Yarmouth. I found the teacher happy among her children, and well qualified for her work. Although there are few in this school, yet the pupils are bright and the recitations compared well with those in the other part of the town. We mere very much pleased, and predicted a successful term. Miss G. has been employed here for three seasons, and is a favorite in the district,

DISTRICT No. 7.

Agent, Adams Merrill. Summer Term. Teacher, Maria G. Buxton.

The first thing that would strike a visitor to this school mould be the perfect understanding between teacher and pupils, and consequently the excellent order. Miss B. is at home in the school-room and knows how to encourage and stimulate the dullest child.

At the closing examination there was marked improvement in every branch of study. The pupils know what they have learned, and were ready to tell it. There was some fine reading, and a very excellent class in grammar. All the recitations mere highly satisfactory.

Fall Term. Teacher, M. G. Buxton.

This district was so fortunate as to retain the same teacher through the year. This is great advantage to any school where the teacher is well qualified for her work.

I need not say that I found everything in perfect order. There are some excellent readers here. I was much pleased with the correct answers to historical questions. This is a study that is too much neglected. There mas a thoroughness in all the studies that was exceedingly gratifying. This school mas a decided success.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Agent, Wm. V. Littlefield. Summer Term. Teacher, A. M. Stover.

The order in this school was good, which is always the first requisite. The teacher was faithful in her round of duties. The children all loved her and hence her task mas easy. We should have been glad to have seen more variety, and more drill--there was too much routine. Still the school made fair progress.

The great difficulty in this school is the small number that attend and the irregularity of these. Out of 98 children in the district only **33** were registered, just about one-third. In No. 4, out of **30, 28** attended school.

In this district **70** should be found in the school every term.

Pall Term. Teacher, Etta **A.** Littlefield.

It was a trying position for Miss L. to be a teacher in her own district. Still me believe that she gave general satisfaction. She is a good scholar and only needs more energy to make a successful teacher. The order was good and the improvement fair.

Winter Term. Teacher, Lyman Sturdivant.

It will be sufficient to say that Mr. S. more than maintained the reputation of last minter. He was more at home and had more thorough drill. At my first visit I mas especially pleased with the order and the number of large scholars. If these had all continued to the end of the term, a fine show might have been made. As it was, we pronounce it a profitable school.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Agent, Edward Ross. Summer Term. Teacher, Abbic F. Parvis.

Miss P. brought to this school much experience, and a well earned reputation. Seldom do we see such enthusiasm in a teacher as she manifests, or a more thorough drill. She teaches her pupils to think for themselves.

The closing examination was especially satisfactory. There mas self possession on the part of the children that mas delightful. Could Miss P. have been retained for the three terms of the year, great benefit mould have been secured. The people of the district fully appreciated her, and would have been glad to employ her longer, but she would not consent to remain.

Pall Term. Teacher, Sarah P. Lunt.

Miss L. is a lady of great worth of character, and has had a long experience in teaching. We think under other circumstances she would have secured more decided results than she did in this school. Her quiet and methodical ways were such a contrast to the stir and drive of the last teacher, that she was hardly appreciated by her pupils. As I did not visit her school at its close, I cannot report the improvement made.

Winter Term. Teacher, Maria G. Buxton.

This district is to be congratulated that it could secure the services of this teacher. The children were delighted to welcome her again. This mas the first experiment in this district, of employing a lady teacher in the winter. All acknowledge that it was a complete success. Miss B. found the order very deficient, but she brought it up to its former high standard.

At my last visit, the school showed that an experienced hand had managed it. Many of the recitations were excellent. The teacher had done every thing that was possible to be done, but we fear that the pupils have not applied thetnselves as they ought. Thorough application alone mill make scholars.

DISTRICT No. 11. (Crotch Island.)

Agent, Moses Pettengill. Winter Term. Teacher, Miss Pratt.

This Island mas visited twice. The school is small, we found 15 pupils. It is to be feared that the people in this district do not take sufficient interest. There ought to be a school here in the summer or fall. Money enough is appropriated to have eighteen or twenty weeks of school, if it is wisely expended.

I would earnestly recommend that they henceforth employ an experienced teacher. The young lady here, appeared well, but is too young to teach. The children are remarkably bright, and should not be neglected.

DISTRICT No. 12.

There is but one scholar in this to go to school, therefore this district should be merged into some other. The child can still be allowed to go out of town, as it is more convenient.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Agent, Daniel S. Merrill. Summer Term. Teacher, Olive H. Merrill.

This mas Miss Merrill's second term in this district. The order was excellent. The school was small, but a good degree of interest mas excited. The teacher secured the love of her pupils.

I was obliged to visit the school the second term several days before the close, so there was little or no opportunity for review. My impressions were very favorable, and it was evident that teacher and scholars had been diligent. It mas a profitable term.

Winter Term. Teacher, Pomeroy Wells.

Mr. Wells commenced this school on trial. He succeeded in gaining the good mill of the pupils, and pleased the district.

The reading was prompt and loud. But the other recitations were very unsatisfactory to yonr committee. There was an entire want of drill, a carelessness that was inexcusable. Still the school mas of some value.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. RICHARDSON, Supervisor of Schools.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

Trustees of Greely Institute,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 6, 1575.

PORTLAND, ME.:
DAILY PRESS PRINTING HOUSE, WM. M. NARKS, MANAGER.
1875.

REPORT.

MONEY RAISED MARCH, 1874.

For Schools,		$1,300 80
" Highways,		1,000 00
" Support of Poor,		800 00
" Notes and Interest,		2,000 00
" Contingent Bills,		1,000 00
" Collector's Premium,		144 29
Overlayings,		262 53
		$6,507 62
Additional Assessments,		40 08
Total amount of assessments for all town purposes,		$6,547 70
Valuation,	$534,750 00	
Additional valuation,	1,880 00	
Total valuation,	$536,630 00	
No. of Polls, 392.		
No. of Dogs, 60.		
Rate, $1.60 per $100.00.		
State tax,		$2,563 59
County tax,		723 79
Total amount of bills committed to Collector,		$9,835 08

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Ai. M. Small,	Surveyor for labor,	$26 50
E. T. Hall,	" " "	16 80
C. E. Herrick,	" " "	57 21
Samuel Winch,	" " "	84 10
R. L. Abbott,	" " "	35 00
H. Eaton,	" " "	71 05
C. H. Morrill,	" " "	60 50
R. J. Duran,	" " "	35 00
Samuel Winch,	" " "	17 23
Roswell E. Hamilton,	" " "	42 97
B. B. Sweetsir,	" " "	39 60
Enos Pool,	" " "	51 70
Geo. S. Doughty,	" " "	20 00
Lewis Merrill,	" " "	40 22
J. N. Farwell,	" " "	25 95
A. M. Small,	" " "	3 25
Lewis Merrill,	" " "	4 78
Wm. T. Littlefield,	" " "	55 '05
S. M. Brackett,	" " "	63 15
Hollis St. Clair,	" " "	60 20
Roswell E. Hamilton,	" " "	25 15
David Peterson,	" " "	51 80
Sum expended,		$888 26
Amount raised by town,		1,000 00
Balance in favor of town,		$111 74

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Insane Hospital, bill for Mitchell, Eaton & Jones,	$100 40
M. S. Rideout, board Mrs. Sweetsir,	32 50
S. Rich & Son, coffin for John Sutherland,	9 25
Jordan Brown, for care of " "	30 00
J. Black, board Mrs. Morrison,	12 00
W. W. Thomas, M. D. att'd on wife John Hamilton,	6 00
J. Black, board Mrs. Morrison,	12 50

R. Rideout, burial of John Sutherland,	5 50
Insane Hospital, bill for Mitchell, Eaton & Jones,	90 60
M. S. Rideout, board Mrs. Sweetsir,	32 50
J. Black, in full board Mrs. Morrison,	8 00
M. S. Rideout, board Mrs. Sweetsir,	32 50
Insane Hospital, bill for Eaton & Jones,	70 28
C. H. Blanchard, in full for board of F. W. Blanchnrd,	17 00
L. Ingalls, M. D., for family Abner Tuttle,	15 00
B. Thompson, board Betsy Hamilton,	26 00
M. S. Rideout, board Mrs. Sweetsir,	32 50
J. S. Frost, board S. Simmons,	39 43
David Allen, board Mrs. Morrison,	40 00
Insane Hospital, bill for Eaton & Jones,	82 39
Overseers Poor Cape Elizabeth, for J. N. Doughty,	21 00
M. W. Hall, M. D., att'd on John Sutherland,	5 00
Hamilton & Co., supplies furnished &c., on Island,	88 00
Barnawell Thompson, board of Betsy Hamilton,	2600
Asa Sawyer, board of transient paupers,	6 40
Sum expended,	$840 75
Sum raised by town,	800 00
Balance against town,	$40 75

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid interest on $1,000 note,		75 GO
"	note,	6 72
"	Greely Institute $318 note,	19 08
"	note,	43 47
"	Greely Institute $6,000 and 600 notes,	195 00
"	Greely Institute note,	318 00
"	Greely Institute $12,000 & 2,000 notes,	480 00
"	three notes,	270 00
"	Greely Institute note,	50 00
"	" " $12,000 note,	360 00
"	" " 500 "	15 00
"	" " 6,000 "	180 00
"	Treasurer Cumberland school fund interest on town note,	52 62
Sum expended,		$2,064 89
Amount raised by town,		2,000 00
Balance against town,		$64 89

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Isaiah Mansfield, snow bill,	$14 40
A. S. Sweetsir, as per vote of town,	2 00
A. J. Osgood, Moderator, per vote of tomn,	2 00
F. P. Blanchard, snow bill,	46 80
M. W. Pearson, " "	12 50
Benjamin Goodenow, as per vote of tomn,	15 00
C. H. Blanchard, snow bill,	28 25
James F. Latham, " "	4 00
C. E. Herrick, witness fees,	8 82
" " labor on highway,	2 27
Edward Butler, telegram,	1 00
Joseph Sawyer, witness fees,	8 94
N. M. Shaw, snow bill,	19 50
Wm. Russell, labor on highway,	17 00
Levi Lufkin, witness fees,	6 69
Wm. M. Marks, printing town reports of 1873,	28 00
Lewis Merrill, witness fees,	8 94
Silas Skillin, plan of road,	8 00
Win. Russell, snow bill,	2 40
Dresser, McLellan & Co., stationery,	21 00
Catharine Merrill, witness fees,	8 94
W. S. Blanchard, to paid eight out town witness fees,	69 42
John Wilson, witness fees,	7 10
E. T. Hall, bridge plank,	4 25
J. S. Loring, plastering on town house,	4 37
J. N. Farwell, labor on town house,	12 50
C. M. Farwell, " " "	4 50
Eben Merrill, snow bill, .	2 80
" " witness fees,	5 94
Edward Butler, shingles for town house,	30 07
S. T. Merrill, hauling shingles,	1 00
Wm. S. Blanchard, labor and materials for grave yard fence,	25 70
Trustees of Greely Institute, for mortar for tomn house,	3 75

Thomes & Blanchard, nails for town house,	3 69
E. T. Hall, wood for town house,	2 00
W. L. Prince, witness fees,	7 44
Strout & Gage, printing bill,	125 00
Bela Blanchard, witness fees,	1 12
Peter Merrill, snow bill,	3 72
" " witness fees,	8 60
P. A. Merrill, posts and rails for road,	3 00
C. M. Farwell, Coll., taxes bid in by town with costs,	54 60
S. T. Merrill, Treas., " " " " "	55 32
Stephen B. Hamilton, services as Selectman and Overseer of poor,	19 25
Levi Lufkin, services as Constable,	10 50
W. H. Blanchard, mason work on town house,	1 75
Lyman P. Sturdivant, services and travel, &c., as Supervisor,	75 66
C. M. Farwell, Coll., premium in full for 1873 tax,	101 96
W. S. Blanchard, for plank and labor on town house,	12 37
Asa Sawyer, labor on town house,	2 90
C. W. Bucknam, hearse, runners and cover for same,	287 00
Edward Butler and others, freight and repairs on hearse,	14 40
Charles Wyman, witness fees,	7 44
Wm. S. Blanchard, services and traveling expenses as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	93 69
Thomas B. Reed, counsel for town in 1873 as per bill,	96 25
Asa Sawyer, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor with travelling expenses,	90 25
S. T. Merrill, services as Treasurer of town,	40 00
" " surveyor labor on highway, 1873,	2 35
" " auditing town accounts, March 5, 1874,	1 50
Sum expended,	$1,558 61
Sum raised by town,	1,000 00
Balance against town,	$558 61

ABATEMENTS.

Abated on C. M. Farwell's tax lists for 1872, as per vote of town,	$ 2 8 0
Abated on C. M. Farwell's tax lists for 1873, as per vote of town,	218 05
Abatements by Selectmen on tax lists of 1872,	8 70
" " " " 1873,	29 90
" " " " 1874,	29 74
Total,	$289 19

SUMMARY.

Amount raised for highway,		$1,000 00 ;	expended,	$888 26	
" "	poor,	800 00 ;	"	840 75	
" "	notes and int.,	2,000 00 ;	"	2,061 89	
" "	contingent,	1,000 00 ;	"	1,558 61	
" "	Coll. premium,	144 29 ;			
" "	overlayings,	262 53 ;			
		$5,206 82			
Additional assesment,		40 08		$5,352 51	
Total,		$5,246 90		$5,246 90	
Balance against town,				$105 61	
Amount of abatements,				289 19	
Total balance against town,				$394 80	

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts and find the same correctly cast, and properly vouched.

WM. L. PRINCE, Auditor of Cumberland.

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	$ 4,925 00
" " Greely Institute,	20,500 00
" " Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due school districts,	251 01
Outstanding bills estimated at	720 00
Liabilities,	$27,273 01

AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer, March, 1874,	$2,699 06
Due from individuals, taxes bid in by town,	195 95
Notes and interest secured by mortgage deeds,	636 00
Due from State, State mill tax,	548 65
" " " Savings Bank and State Fund,	392 89
" " John Jones, Bank book in Treasurer's hands,	109 27
" " Town of Freeport on pauper charge,	15 00
Availabilities,	$4,596 82
Balance against town,	$22,676 19

WILLIAM S. BLANCHARD,
ASA SAWYER,
STEPHEN B. HAMILTON,
} Selectmen of Cumberland.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury, March, 1874,	$2,699 06
Received from tax deeds redeemed,	89 89
" " note held by town,	296 00
Assessors commitment for 1874,	6,547 70
Cash received from Selectmen,	28 90
" " " State for Free High School,	500 00
" " " Cumberland School Fund,	102 62
Total,	$10,264 17
Paid out town orders,	$7,851 02
" " as per receipt from Trustees Greely Institute,	500 00
	$8,351 02
Balance due town,	$1,913 15
Amount due from collector, 1871,	$18 00
" " " " 1873,	8 70
" " " " 1874,	1,848 02
Total amount due from collectors,	$1,874 72
Cash to balance,	38 43
	$1,913 15

S. T. MERRILL, Treasurer of Cumberland.

Due on State tax for 1874,	$2,563 59
" County tax for 1874,	423 79
" Town tax for 1874,	1,848 02
Total due for 1874,	$4,835 40
Total due to m for 1873,	$8 70
" " " " 1871,	18 00
" " " from collectors,	1,874 72
" " State and County from collectors,	2,987 38
Total due from Collectors,	$4,862 10

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Spring term of this school, commenced March 16th, with whole number of scholars, seventy-five. G. M. Seidera, as Principal, and Miss O. M. Barron, as 1st Assistant, and Miss M. E. Osgood, 2nd Assistant, and continued eleven weeks.

The Fall term commencecl Aug. 31st, with fifty-nine scholars, whole number. W. R. Hemmenway, as Principal, Miss M. G. Buxton, 1st Assistant, and continued twelve weeks, at the expiration of this the school dedicated the new hall in the 2nd story, by an exhibition. In the vacation between this and the winter term, your trustees thought it necessary to put in a new furnace, one of the Barstow Dome Furnaces was selected which gives entire satisfaction.

Winter term commenced Dec. 7th, under the same instructors, and continued eleven weeks, whole number of scholars, fifty-one. This term closed up with a good exhibition of the school.

The Spring term commenced March 8th, 1875, under the charge of the same instructors, with favorable prospects. Eighty dollars worth of nevi books have been added to the library during the year, which gives the scholars a good variety of reading.

PHILOSOPHICAL FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	$406 17
May and November dividends,	24 72
Balance in Bank,	$430 89

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	8507 **48**
May and November dividends,	**29** 52
	$537 00
Cash drawn as per bills,	45 00
Balance in bank,	**$492** 00

The amount drawn was expended for books for the library, and are now in the library, also $35.00 worth, proceeds of course lectures, winter of 1874, which makes an addition of $80.00 worth of fresh books now in library.

PERMANENT FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$12,000 00
" " " " "	6,000 00
" " " " "	2,000 00
Total,	$20,000 00

ACCUMULATED.

For town of Cumberland ndte,	$500 00
" amount in Portland Savings Bank,	500 00
Total,	$1,000 00
For amount due on tuition book previous to spring term, 1875,	7 00
For cash balance on accounts,	87 15
Total,	$1,094 15

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

In account with 2nd story Greely Institute.

Bills paid	S. C. Kilburn, lathing,	$9 52
"	Wm. D. Little & Co., for permit to finish,	3 00
"	M. C. R. R., freight on lumber,	6 87
"	" " " "	6 72
"	J. S. Loring, plastering,	19 25
"	Rufus Deering & Co., for lumber,	166 72
"	Harris, Atwood & Co., lime and hair,	22 58
"	Emery & Waterhouse, hardware,	30 58
"	A. Frank, tending masons,	5 60
"	W. H. Blanchard, plastering,	24 50
"	John N. Farwell & Rideout, carpenters, for labor,	48.25
"	Chas. M. Farwell, carpenter, for labor,	39 50
"	S. T. Merrill, hauling lumber,	2 00
"	Asa Sawyer, for labor,	30 00
"	C. M. Rice, for sheathing paper,	4 50
"	C. H. Blanchard, & Son, plastering,	9 00
"	R. Hoyt, carpenter, for labor,	13 80
"	Emery & Waterhouse, hardware,	4 07
"	Rufus Deering & Co., for 4 doors,	15 48
"	Wm. S. Blanchard, for labor and materials,	59 80
"	Rufus Deering & Co., moldings,	2 27
"	Reuben Hoyt, carpenter, labor on stage,	3 80
"	Asa Sawyer, for labor and materials,	10 72
"	F. & C. B. Nash, for register,	1 45
"	Thomes & Blanchard, as per bill,	1 43
	Total paid out,	$541 41

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By cash received for materials sold, 20 53

Net cost of finish 2nd story of Institute,

March 6, 1875.

Balance of tuitions not expended, **$30** 87

DR. *General income from permanent fund and other*

Paid Wm. D. Little 55 Co., insurance,	$45 75
Gco. M. Seidcrs, as per bill,	5 71
A. Evans, for chairs,	5 00
J. H. Poor & Bros., coal ancl cartage,	3 00
R. Rideout & Son, crayons,	1 30
Geo. M. Seiders, instruction, Spring term,	366 66
" " as per bill,	10 55
Olive M. Barron, instruction, Spring term,	121 00
Fred W. Sturdivant, care of Institute, Spring term,	20 00
J. Sawyer, privy boxes,	5 00
Wm. M. Marks, for catalogues,	27 00
31. E. Osgood, as per bill,	6 50
J. B. Ficket, patent composition for black boarcla,	4 42
J. S. Loring, labor, repairing plastering in school room,	3 50
W. H. Blanchard, " " "	3 50
Proprietors Eastern Argus, advertising,	3 75
" Daily Press, "	5 25
Reuben Hoyt, repairs as per bill,	2 00
W. H. Blanchard, work on cellar may,	1 50
D. M. Lawrence, for coal, as per bill,	99 00
Z. E. G. Prince, hauling coal,	21 40
Mortar and lumber for cellar ways and doors,	6 00
Thomes & Blanchard, as per bill,	4 48
W. H. Sbillin, painting cellar doors,	50
E. T. Hall, one cord hard wood,	6 00
W. R. Hemmenway, instruction, Fall term,	300 00
M. G. Buxton, " " "	120 00
H. E. Sawyer, care of Institute, " "	20 00
S. L. Farwell, painting black boards,	1 25
L. P. Sturdivant, for services rendered,	3 00
N. M. Perkins, glass for book case,	95
Perkins, Hay & Phillips, as per bill,	3 20
W. R. Hemmenmay, instruction, Winter term,	350 00
M. G. Buxton, " " "	110 00
John Barstow, care of Institute, " "	20 00
Thomas B. Reed, for counsel.	15 00
Bailey & Noyes, printing cards,	1 00
Nutter Bros. & Co., dome furnace,	226 73
Wm. S. Blanchard, labor on Institute,	10 00
Net cost of finishing 2d story of Institute as per account on page 170, tuition book,	520 88
Wm. S. Blanchard, for services as Trustee,	19 50
Asa Sawyer, as per bill,	15 62
	$2,525 90
Cash to balance,	87 15

sources in *acc't with Trustees of Greely Institute.*	CR.
By Cash balance from 1873,	$101 67
Cash drawn from Portland Savings Bank,	557 55
Interest on $6,000 and $500 town notes,	195 00
Interest on $12,000 and $2,000 town notes,	480 00
Cash received from town note accumulated fund,	318 00
Interest on $318 tomn note,	19 08
" $12,000, $2,000, and $500 town notes,	425 00
Cash received for tuitions due previous to Spring term of 1874, as per Trustees report, 1873,	84 00
Cash received of W. R. Hemmenway, Principal Institute,	50 00
Cash received of Treasurer Cumberland Musical Society,	30 00
Cash for tuition Spring term,	97 75
" " Fall term,	51 00
" " Winter term,	24 00
Interest on $6,000 town note,	180 00
	$2,613 05

WILLIAM S. BLANCHARD,
ASA SAWYER,
STEPHEN B. HAMILTON,
} Trustees of Greely Institute.

SCHOOL REPORT.

CITIZENS OF CUMBERLAND:

In reviewing the condition and progress of the schools in town, for the last year, I find much to commend, and some things to condemn.

At the beginning of the year many of our old teachers of established reputation, left town and sought other fields of labor; and your Superviso has had to deal with a corps of entirely new and in some cases, inexperienced teachers. Two of our teachers had never taught before, and four had only taught one term. But notwithstanding these drawbacks, our schools have enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity. For, although our teachers have not all been of great experience, and "born to command," nearly all have been earnest, faithful, and hard working ladies and gentlemen; and as a rule, our money has been quite well expended.

Of the eleven districts whose schools have been under my charge, six have expended their money in three terms of school.

The benefit of this plan in large, powerful districts, will be seen at once; but in small, weak districts, the plan has been a failure. Of the eighteen terms of school which have been held in these six districts, six have been of only seven weeks each. It generally requires about five weeks for scholars to settle themselves down to the term business, and as a rule, they will learn as much in the last four weeks, as in the first six. My opinion is, that, "had these districts expended their money in two terms of equallength, more benefit mould have been obtained." After a thorough examination of the matter, I thought it best to take Eaton's Arithmetics out of the schools, and as the Trustees of Greely Institute adopted Greenleaf's New Series of Mathematics for that school, I adopted

the same series to be used in the town schools. These books have been furnished to the scholars at two-thirds of the retail price, and I think that the results have justified the exchange.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by Town,	$1,300 80
" received from Town Fund,	102 62
" " " State Mill Tax,	548 65
" " " Bank Tax and State Fund,	392 89
Total,	$2,344 96

By law the Selectmen and Supervisor may apportion ten per cent. of all the school money among the smaller districts, in such a manner as shall give them a more equal school privilege with other districts. This has been done as mill be seen. Ten per cent., $233.54.

Dist.	No. schol's.	10 pr ct.	Total.	Dist.	No. schol's.	10 pr ct.	Total.
No. 1.	40.	$25.58.	$179.98	No. 7.	39	$5.28.	$155.82
2.	64.	25.00.	272.04	8.	94	00.00.	362.84
3.	82.	00.00.	316.52	9.	110	00.00.	424.60
4.	32.	41.00.	164.50	11.	12	33.68.	80.00
5.	36.	35.00.	173.96	12.	6	10.00.	33.16
6.	4.	30.00.	45.44	13.	28	28.00.	136.08

The condition and progress of the schools, as nearly as I could ascertain by visiting them has been as follows:

DISTRICT No. 1.

Agent, Moses Starling, Summer term taught by Flora Starling.

This was Miss Starling's first attempt at teaching, and was made in her own school district. There was some feeling in the district against employing one of its own scholars, and especially one of so little experience. At my first visit the order was good, and the recitations creditable. At my last visit the school was not so orderly, but good improvement was made, especially in the reading classes. I consider this to have been a profitable term of school.

Fall term. Taught by the same teacher.

I am of the opinion that Miss S. should not have attempted another term in this district. The feeling against the teacher, of which I have spoken, became more strongly developed. Some of the scholars did not attend regularly; the teacher became discouraged, and the school did not make the improvement it should have made. I would say to the people of this district, no matter how poor a school you have, if you do not see that your scholars attend, and attend regularly, you are not doing your part to make your school profitable.

Winter term. Taught by Ellen Blanchsrd.

Miss Blanchard seems to have a good understanding of the nature of the scholars of this district. At my last visit the recitations were prompt, and the order good. The teacher and scholars seemed to be interested, and the school was a profitable one.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Agent, Asa Merrill. Summer term taught by Miss M. S. Sturdivant.

Miss S. is a fine scholar and good instructor. The scholars in this school are ambitious, intelligent, and well advanced in study. The order and improvement mere good, and the school was satisfactory.

Winter term, taught by Charles A. Chase.

Mr. C. has a good education, and is very energetic. ('Business" is his motto in the school room. Good order was maintained throughout the term, and had not sickness broken out in the school, cutting the attendance down to nine scholars (at one time) the school would have been as profitable as any the district has ever had. As it was, the school was a good one, and the money well expended.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Agent, John Wilson. Teacher, Mary S. Rideout.

This district has had three terms a year for some years past, and employs the same teacher for three terms. Miss R. is an

estimable lady, and well fitted for the position she occupies. The children are all under twelve years of age, and therefore do not need to be kept under such discipline as would be required under other circumstances. The teacher is kind in management, and thorough in her instruction, and the results which must necessarily follow such management, were all that could be desired. Having much confidence in Miss R. as a teacher, I have not visited her school twice every term. In my judgment such attention was not necessary.

District No. 4.

Agent, Levi Morrill. Summer term taught by Sophronia Leighton.

As I was not notified of the closing of this school in season, I did not visit it this term but once. At this visit the school appeared well, although teachers and scholars seemed too diffident, as though they were afraid to disturb the quiet of the school room. My impression is that Miss L. was not energetic enough to secure such results as I could wish. Still this was a fair school.

Fall Term. Helen M. Lawrence, Teacher.

Miss L. is just the teacher for this school. The scholars appeared to be delighted with their teacher, and milling to do all in their power to aid her. The improvement in all branches of study was noticeable, and the order was excellent. If this teacher could have been retained another term, both parents and supervisor would have been pleased.

Winter Term. Taught by Olive Merrill.

Miss M. is a teacher of considerable experience, and seem determined to excel in her profession. She is a thorough teacher and a good disciplinarian, (though this last qualification is not required in this school.) The scholars made good improvement this term, especially the classes in reading, which read louder than I have ever heard them before. It is due to the scholars to say, that this is one of the best dispositioned and easiest schools to govern in town.

DISTRICT No. 5.

P. H. Leighton, Agent. Summer Term. Taught by Celia Whitney.

This teacher is a good scholar, and has the elements of a good teacher. This mas her first school. When I first visited it I found the teacher discouraged, and apparently afraid of her scholars. The order was quite poor, I gave her such advice as I thought necessary. At my second visit I found that many of the larger scholars had left school to attend to farming, and the teacher had about eighteen scholars mostly small ones. With these she was doing nicely, she was more self-possessed and more careful in her instruction. I think (taking every thing into consideration) that this mas a fair school.

Fall Term. Taught by Belle Orne.

Miss Orne is a good instructor, and also a good disciplinarian, rather too severe if any thing, for the school she had charge of. But she was thorough in her instruction, and the school made good improvement.

Winter Term. Taught by Lucy Hutchinson.

Miss H. has a talent for teaching, and the district mere much pleased with her school. The large scholars in this school added much to the interest, and were particularly noticeable for their good deportment, and perfect recitations. This school was a profitable one, and Miss H. is one of the best teachers we have had in town this year.

DISTRICT No. 6.

William Loring, Agent.

This school is under supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT No. 7.

E. G. Prince, Agent. Teacher, Lizzie C. Prince.

Miss Prince is one of the best teachers me have had in town; and I believe she gave entire sati'sfaction. She taught the two terms and so the school did not have to be reorganized, which mas a great saving of time and labor.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Isaac Strout, Agent. Summer Term. Taught by Etta A. Littlefield.

When I first visited this school I thought it bade fair to be the best in town. The order was good, and the pupils appeared to be interested in their studies. At the close of the term there appeared to be a lack of interest, many of the recitations were good, but others were not what they should have been. I learned from the teacher that the attendance was very irregular, which mill account for the short comings of this school.

Fall Term. Alma M. Brackett, teacher.

This teacher is young, but very ambitious; the scholars liked her and made good progress.

Winter Term. L. P. Sturdivant, Teacher.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Agent, E. W. Hamilton. Summer and Fall Terms taught by Julia C. Duran. Miss Duran had a larger number of scholars than any other teacher of the summer schools. She was prompt, energetic, and thorough. Both terms were profitable.

Winter Term, taught by A. G. Ladd, A. B.

It is seldom that I have seen scholars so well satisfied with their teacher as were these with Mr. L. He is always pleasant and kind, and his school was interesting and profitable. I think that every one was well satisfied.

DISTRICT No. 11. (Crotch Island.)

Moses Pettengill, Agent. Teacher, Medora Dellows.

I made but one attempt to visit this school, and then I found that the teacher had gone home on a visit. I learned from the agent that she mas doing well, and the people mere well satisfied.

DISTRICT No. 12.

There are but six scholars in this district, and they attend school out of town.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Horace Farwell, Agent. Summer Term taught by Olive A. Merrill.

It mill hardly be necessary for me to say that Miss M. taught a first rate school. She was strict and thorough, and a school taught by her is always a good one.

Winter Term, taught by M. W. Morgan.

Mr. M.'s school was only six weeks in length. But notwithstanding the shortness of the term, good improvement was made, and I think he will make an excellent teacher.

CONCLUSION.

You have arrived at the beginning of a new school year, and it should be your endeavor to see that your school money is well expended. A new page is opened to you, and it remains for you to decide whether success or defeat shall be written upon it. Let nothing remain undone to secure good teachers at their true value. I think it will be well to re-elect the district agents of last year for this reason. If they have made poor selections in the past, they now see where they have failed; and will be careful not to make the same mistake again.

During the year in which I have been your Supervisor, I have tried to perform my duties faithfully, and I thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. STWRDIVANT, Supervisor of Schools.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

Trustees of Greely Institute,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1876.

PORTLAND, ME.:
DAILY PRESS PRINTING HOUSE, WM. M. MARKS, MANAGER.
1876.

REPORT.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1875.

For State tax,		$2,051 67
" County tax,		869 28
" Schools,	$1,300 80	
" Support Poor,	800 00	
" Notes and Interest,	6,000 00	
" Contingent,	1,200 00	
" Collector's Premium,	187 00	
" Overlay,	251 85	
" Supplement,	21 30	$9,760 95
Total sum assessed,		$12,681 90

Total valuation, $546,900 00

Number of Polls, 399.

Rate of taxation, $2.10 on $100.00

Poll tax, $3.00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers town Yarmouth, board Mrs. Simmons,	$87 25
J. S. Frost, board Mrs. Simmons,	38 58
M. S. Rideout, board Mrs. Sweetsir,	32 50
Treasurer Insane Hospital, support Eaton and Jones,	73 46
M. S. Rideout, board of Mrs. Sweetsir,	32 50
J. S. Frost, board of Mrs. Simmons,	39 00
Treas. Insane Hospital, support of Eaton and Jones,	67 56
S. T. Merrill, assistance in burial John Sutherland,	2 00
M. S. Rideout, board of Mrs. Sweetsir,	32 50
Treas. Insane Hospital, support Eaton and Jones,	70 88
Hamilton & Co., board and funeral expenses J. Hamilton's child,	14 00
Jane Field, board of Mrs. Simmons,	12 50
Geo. Marston, coffin for child on Island,	2 60
J. S. Frost, board of Mrs. Simmons,	39 43
F. E. Chadwick, care of child on Island, and burial of same,	10 50
M. S. Rideout, board of Mrs. Sweetsir in full,	25 00
Ann R. Merrill, board of Abbott boys,	12 00
Leighton & Wilson, clothing for Mrs. Simmons,	5 40
Treas. Insane Hospital, support Eaton and Jones,	84 61
Thomes & Blanchard, clothing for Mrs. Simmons,	2 15
Solomon S. Hamilton, making grave and getting coffin for Hamilton child,	3 00
Hamilton & Co., supplies furnished poor on Chebeague,	55 81
Asa Sawyer, keeping transient paupers,	15 75
J. S. Frost, board of Mrs. Simmons,	39 42
I. S. Stanwood and others, clothing for Abbott boys,	6 29
	$804 59
Sum raised by town,	800 00
Balance against town,	$4 59

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Wm. M. Merrill, interest on town note,	$75 00
" " " " "	17 50
Trustees Greely Institute, int. on $2,000 and $500 town notes,	75 00
Trustees Greely Institute, int. on $6,000 town note,	180 00
" " " " $12,000 " "	360 00
N. L. Merrill, interest on town note,	21 00
Hollis St. Clair, note and interest in full,	3,645 00
Treas. Portland Savings Bank, int. on $3,000	109 50
Treas. Cumberland School fund on town note,	52 62
Trustees Greely Institute, interest on four town notes, viz., $12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and 600	615 00
	$5,150 62
Sum raised by town,	6,000 00
Balance in favor town,	$849 38

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Phineas Whitney, labor on highway Dis. No. 15, '74,	$23 25
C. E. Herrick, " " Dis. " 7, fall and winter 1874,	36 94
Wm. Russell, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	13 55
Sam'l Winch, " " " " "	16 92
H. Eaton, " " " " "	44 20
H. R. Mountfort, " Dis. No. 15, summer 1874 and ainter 1875,	17 05
B. B. Sweetsir, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	17 50
Geo. S. Doughty, " " " " "	29 55
S. M. Brackett, " " " " "	19 20
E. B. Shaw, " " summer '74, winter '75,	65 60
Sumner Sturdivant, labor on highway breaking snow, '75,	21 85
Geo. S. Merrill, " " summer '74, winter '75,	58 60

Lewis Merrill, labor on highway, breaking snow 1875,	24 64
R. J. Duran, " " " " "	5 90
E. T. Hall, " " " " "	13 64
Phineas Whitney, " " " " "	22 20
Reuben Rideout & Son, ink and paper,	73
A. S. Sweetsir, services as town Clerk for 1874,	13 00
Benj. Goodenow, superintending burial ground,	3 00
A. S. Sweetsir, services town meeting day '75, as per vote town,	3 00
Enos Pool, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	21 90
Joseph Sturdivant, services as Moderator March 16, '75, as per vote of town,	3 00
J. N. Farwell, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	35 50
G. M. Farwell, " " " " "	4 92
Moses H. Goff, damage to horse on highway in 1874,	15 00
C. H. Blanchard, care of hearse 1874,	1 75
R. L. Abbott, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	35 15
Eben Hulit, " " " " "	2 40
Isaiah Mansfield, " summer 1874,	33 00
Wm. M. Marks, printing Town Reports for 1874,	25 00
Sam'l B. Clough, superintending burial ground,	2 00
Pool Heirs, land damage on Chebeague road,	5 00
Ai M. Small, labor on highway Dis. No. 17,	2 60
Joab Black, superintending burial ground,	3 50
Alvin Leighton, collector of taxes, on premium for 1874,	120 00
Hollis St. Clair, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	10 10
C. E. Herrick, " "	3 60
Strout & Gage, town counsel for one year and a half to July 10, 1875,	39 00
J. T. McCobb, attorney for Portland Savings Bank,	3 00
John P. Farwell for filling washout on highway,	10 11
Isaiah Mansfield, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	38 20
O. A. Mountfort, bridge plank for Dis. No. 16,	3 19
E. T. Hall, 1-2 cord wood for town house all fitted and put in,	3 50
D. W. Fessenden, County Comm'rs for laying town way,	68 75
A. M. Farwell, labor on highway in Dis. No. 5,	2 60
Sam'l Winch, " " " " 16,	23 99
R. J. Duran, " " breaking snow 1875,	2 75

Wm. F. Thompson, land damage Chebeague road,	35 00
Butler & Libby, for counsel in Watson E. Gould case,	5 00
" " respondent's cost in road case,	14 38
P. Adams, Merrill bridge plank 375 ft. for Dis. No. 8,	5 25
Wm. L. Prince, auditing town account,	1 50
Silas Skillin, witness fees Whitney case, April term, 1874,	9 30
Benj. Goodenow, labor on grave yard and burial of two paupers,	11 00
H. Eaton, labor on highway Dis. No. 6,	21 37
E. T. Hall, 916 ft. bridge plank deliv'd to Dist's No. 11, 15 and 16,	11 42
S. L. Blanchard, labor on highway in Dis. No. 7,	11 34
L. P. Sturdivant, services as Supervisor 1875,	74 07
Wm. S. Moxey, for labor on highway Dis. No. 2,	10 25
Wm. Russell, labor on highway breaking snow,	1 40
C. H. Blanchard, repairs on and care of hearse,	8 06
A. R. Littlefield, services as Selectman and Overseer Poor,	23 30
Levi Lufkin, " Constable,	10 00
Henry C. Huston, Register of Deeds recording 5 tax deeds,	3 75
Wm. S. Blanchard, services and travel as Selectman and Overseer Poor,	80 00
Asa Sawyer, services and travel as Selectman and Overseer Poor,	79 25
Treasurer, taxes and cost on non-resident taxes sold,	36 29
Solomon T. Merrill, services as treasurer for the year '75,	40 00
Alvin Leighton, on Collector's premium taxes of 1875,	90 00
	$1,551 76
Sum raised by town,	1,200 00
Balance against town,	$351 76

CLAIMS IN WHITNEY CASE.

Paid Strout and Holmes, execution,	$1,975 63
" Strout & Gage, town's attorneys in Whitney case,	865 86
	$2,841 49
Sum hired as per vote of town,	3,000 00
Balance in favor town,	$158 51

ABATEMENTS.

Abated on lists of Asa Sawyer for 1871 as per vote town,	$18 00
" " Alvin Leighton, 1874 " " "	33 24
Abatements by selectmen on lists of 1874,	15 06
" " " of 1875,	102 64
Total,	$167 94

SUMMARY.

Amount assessed for poor,	$800 00;	expended,	$804 59
" " for notes & interest	6,000 00;	"	5,150 62
" " for contingent,	1,200 00;	"	1,551 76
" " for coll's premium,	187 00;		
" " overlayings,	251 85;		
" " supplement,	21 30		
Hired to pay Whitney case as per vote,	3,000 00	expended	2,841 49
	$10,660 15		$10,348 46
	10,348 46		
	$311 69		
Abatements,	167 94		
Total balance in favor town,	$143 75		

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. PRINCE, TOWN AUDITOR.

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	$1,550 00
" " Greely Institute,	20,500 00
Note due Cumberland school fund,	877 00
" Portland savings bank,	3,000 00
Balance due school districts,	267 29
Outstanding bills including collector's premium,	190 00
Liabilities,	$26,384 29

AVAILABILTIES.

Balance due from treasurer March, 1876,	$3,628 31
Due from individual tax bid in by town,	115 71
" " State mill tax,	567 36
" " " savings bank and State fund,	424 75
" " John Jones, bank book in treasurer's hands,	115 82
Note and interest secured by mortgage deed,	546 00
	$5,397 95
Balance against town,	$20,986 34

Respectfully submitted,

WM S. BLANCHARD,
ASA SAWYER,
AMMI R. LITTLEFIELD,
} Selectmen of Cumberland.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury March, 1875,	$1,913 15
Received from tax deeds redeemed,	116 04
Assessor's commitments for 1875,	9,760 95
Cash received on notes held by town,	120 00
" " from State for schools,	941 54
" " " " " free high school,	500 00
" " " Portland savings bank,	3,000 00
" " " Cumberland school fund,	102 62
	$16,454 30
Paid out town orders,	12,825 99
Balance due town,	$3,628 31
Amount due from collector,	3,591 64
Cash to balance,	36 67
	$3,628 31

S. T. MERRILL, Treasurer of Cumberland.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

The Spring term of school commenced March 8th. No. of scholars sixty-five. W. R. Hemmenway, Principal, Miss M. G. Ruxton, 1st Assistant, Miss M. E. Osgood, 2d Assistant, and continued eleven meeks with satisfactory results.

The Fall term commenced Aug. 30th, same instructors. No. of scholars seventy, and continued twelve weeks. At the close there was an exhibition of the school, which was pronounced good by the few who were there, the weather being bad.

Winter term commenced Dec. 7th, under the charge of W. R. Hemmenway and Miss M. G. Buxton. Number of scholars forty-eight, and continued eleven weeks. At the close there was a good exhibition given by the school, which was enjoyed by the large company present, showing that teachers and scholars had tried to do their best to make a good exhibition and have it thorough, in which they succeeded.

The Spring term commenced March 6th, 1876, same instructors as last term.

PERMANENT FUND.

For town of Cumberland Note,	$12,000 00
" " " "	6,000 00
" " " "	2,000 00
Total,	$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For amount in Portland savings bank,	$430 89
" May and November dividends,	24 69
	$455 58
Cash drawn from bank fifty dollars, $47.40 expended as per bill, $2.60 in hand,	50 00
Balance in bank,	$405 58

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland savings bank,	492 00
" May and November dividends,	29 94
Balance in bank,	521 94

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$500 00
" amount in Portland savings bank,	500 00
	$1000 00
For amount due on tuition books previous to spring term 1876,	55 00
For cash balance on accounts,	136 88
Total accumulated,	$1,191 88

DR. *General income from permanent fund and other*

Paid Wm. D. Little & Co., insurance,	$48 75
C. H. Blanchard, one half cord hard wood,	3 25
D. L. Blanchard, writing lessons,	15 00
W. R. Hemmenway, teaching spring term,	350 00
M. G. Buxton, assistant teacher " "	110 00
H. E. Sawyer, care of institute " "	20 00
Wm. M. Marks, catalogues,	28 00
F. B. Pinkham, painting,	2 70
Proprietors Eastern Argus, advertising,	2 00
" Portland Transcript "	2 50
A. Frank, taking ashes from Institute cellar,	2 00
E. Corey, iron for rail and window shade,	1 70
S. L. Farwell, painting,	21 00
G. L. Lothrop, window shades for hall,	14 25
Thomes & Blanchard, paints,	22 89
W. R. Hemmenway, teaching fall term,	333 33
M. G. Buxton, assistant, " " "	132 00
W. E. Blanchard, care of institute fall term,	16 00
M. C. R. R., freight on ten tons coal,	8 00
W. E. Dennison, ten tons coal,	75 00
S. T. Merrill, carting coal,	8 00
Dresser, McLellan & Co., one doz. erasers,	3 00
W. H. Blanchard, plastering,	1 25
M. E. Osgood, teaching fall term,	20 00
E. T. Hall, ten feet hard and eight feet soft wood,	12 00
M. E. Osgood, teaching spring term,	8 00
King & Dexter, moldings for doors and locks,	2 60
Nutter Bros. & Co., funnel,	1 00
S. M. Rideout, labor and materials,	2 90
W. R. Hemmenway, teaching winter term,	333 33
M. G. Buxton, assistant, " " "	121 00
G. D. Sweetsir, care of institute " "	19 25
Asa Sawyer, 2 maps and history State of Maine,	6 65
" " labor and services as trustee,	7 75
R. Rideout, glass, nails and crayons, 1874,	2 84
" alcohol, glass and crayons, 1875,	2 89
J. W. Perkins, chemicals,	1 99
Wm. S. Blanchard, painting and repairing settees,	15 00
" " services as trustee,	15 00
	$1,792 72
Cash balance,	136 88
	$1,929 60

sources in acc't with Trustees of Greely Institute.	CR.
By cash balance from 1874,	$87 15
" drawn from Portiand savings bank,	500 00
" received from tuitions winter term, 1875,	2 00
" " " " spring " "	59 45
Interest on six thousand dollar town note,	180 00
" " two " " and five hundred dollar note,	75 00
Interest on twelve thousand dollar town note,	360 00
Cash received from tuitions, fall term, 1875,	38 50
" " " " winter term, 1875–76,	12 50
Interest on twelve thousand, six thousand, two thousand and five hundred dollar town notes,	615 00
	$1,929 60

Your trustees have expended some over fifty dollars in painting where the paint was worn off, also painted and grained the hall in the second story, the hall is now completed with exception of a few more settees.

The Cumberland Musical Association have placed a chandelier and side lights in the hall free of expense to the institute.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. BLANCHARD,
ASA SAWYER,
AMMI R. LITTLEFIELD,
} Trustees of Greely Institute.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. PRINCE, AUDITOR.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

With a few exceptions our schools have been very successful. Many of our agents have made it a point to secure the best teachers they could find, and in such cases the results have been highly gratifying. It is becoming a known fact that we can find as good teachers in our own town as we can elsewhere, and it is a good policy to give the preference to home talent.

We have had some schools which were not what they should have been. The trouble in these cases arose from various causes. In some cases the agents employed teachers without regard to previous experience or success, simply because they could get them cheap, looking more to quantity of school than to the quality of instruction. Others have employed teachers of no experience. It is true we must have some beginners, or in time we shall have no teachers. But one district has seen fit to employ inexperienced teachers for both terms of school. Such a policy must retard the general progress of a school. If we employ none but inexperienced workmen we must expect nothing but rough and often imperfect work. Some will say that the Supervisor has the power and should dismiss a teacher who does not do well. Judging from what I have seen such a course is not always advisible, and should be pursued with caution. I take the ground that all teachers mean to do well and should have a fair trial. Difficulty in school is not always the fault of the teacher, and I would here say that I think no school in town has been wholly useless.

A FEW WORDS TO SCHOOL AGENTS.

It is your duty to return a list of the scholars in your districts, both to the Selectmen and Supervisor or School Committee on or before the last day of April in each year. Some of you failed to do this last year; consequently my return to the State Superintendent was about a month late, for which he politely reprimanded me. It is also your duty to notify the Supervisor at the commencement and close of each term of school, when practicable. This is practicable to every agent in town except one. Pet some of you have failed in this, consequently the report of such schools will be vague.

TEXT BOOKS.

The text books used in town are as follows: Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13 use Hilliard's Readers and The Progressive or Worcesters' Spellers; Nos. 8 and 9 use Parker & Watson's Readers; No. 8 uses Parker & Watson's, and No. 9 Towns' Spellers; Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 13 use Greenleaf's New Series, and Nos. 4, 9 and 11 use Greenleaf's Old Series of Arithmetic. Every district has Green's Grammars and Warren's Geographies. No text books on Hookkeeping or Physiology have been adopted for the town, and so we have two or three different kinds of Book-keeping. Where I'hysiology is studied, Steels' book is used. I think too little attention is paid to writing in our schools. Two half days in each week should be devoted to this valuable art.

SCHOOL HOUSES AND EQUIPMENTS.

Districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 13 have good convenient school houses. The building in No. 1, though warm is too close and dark, and needs another outlet from the main room. The house in No. 8 is old, inconvenient and uncomfortable, and should be replaced by a new one. No. 11 has no school house and the school is held in a private house. Nos. 3, 9 and 13 have outline maps, and every school house except one has a map of the world and of the United States.

SCROOL MONEY.

Amount raised by Town,	$1300 80
" received from Town Fund,	102 62
" " " State Mill Tax,	567 36
" " " Bank Tax and State Fund,	424 75
Total,	$2395 53

Dist.	No. schol's.	10 pr ct.	Total.	Dist.	No. schol's.	10 pr ct.	Total.
No. 1.	35.	$35.00.	$168.75	No. 7.	34.	$15.00.	$144.97
2.	69.	20.00.	283.76	8.	96.	3.53.	362.85
3.	79.		301.98	9.	116.		443.41
4.	39.	30.00.	179.08	11.	11.	44.18.	86.23
5.	46.	25.00.	200.84	12.	9.	3.48.	38.29
6.	6.	28.00.	50.94	13.	26.	35.00.	134.39

CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Agent, Greenleaf Bibber. Summer term taught by Alma Brackett.

This school though small, was interesting and profitable. The order was all that could be desired. The teacher seemed to have the confidence of her pupils, and good improvement was observed in all branches.

Winter term. Taught by Fanny Skillin.

This school was visited during the first week and appeared well. Both teacher and scholars seemed at home in their work. The school was closed on account of sickness, and as I was not notified at the close, I can make no farther report of it.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Agent, Asa Merrill. Summer term taught by Olive H. Merrill.

This was a first rate school. The order was good, and the

instruction thorough. The teacher did her best to make the scholars do well, and the examination near the close of the term showed that every moment had been improved. All questions were answered promptly and correctly.

Winter term. Taught by G. E. Murray.

This term of school was also a success. Mr. Murray possesses the happy faculty of making the dryest lesson attractive. In discipline he was kind, but firm. In instruction thorough, and concise. Nice specimens of map drawing were exhibited. Historical questions in connection with Geography were answered promptly. This school was excelled by none.

District No. 3.

Agent, John Wilson. Teacher, Mary S. Rideout.

The three terms in this district were all taught by the above named teacher. The fall term was broken up by sickness, but with this exception, the terms were all successful. The summer term was the most interesting. The spelling classes were particularly good. Improvement in all branches was good. I learn that Miss R. contemplates leaving this school. It will be difficult for this district to find a teacher who will fill her place so long and acceptably as she has.

District No. 4.

Agent, N. M. Shaw. Summer term taught by Emily F. Blanchard.

This was Miss B's first attempt at teaching. I visited the school at the commencement and it appeared well. The order was good and the scholars seemed to be interested. As this school closed one-half day sooner than was intended, I failed to visit it at the close.

Winter term. Taught by Helen M. Lawrence.

This school was highly satisfactory both to parents and supervisor. Miss. L. is a good instructor and the scholars profited by her instruction. I visited the school at the closing exatnination and was much pleased with the exercises.

Maps drawn by the scholars were exhibited and did great credit to the makers. A declamation and dialogue given by the scholars added interest to the occasion. I was pleased to see some of the parents present at the examination.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Agent, J. Hulit. Both terms in this district were taught by Miss M. S. Sturdivant. She is a good teacher, and at the closing examinations her school bore testimony to that effect. The order was good, and the recitation satisfactory. Here also I saw some splendid maps drawn by the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Agent, Wm. L. Loring. This school is under the supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Agent, P. A. Merrill. Summer term taught by Luella Skillin. I was well satisfied with the appearance and improvement of this school. The order was fair, and the school did a good term's work. If the school failed in any respect it was not the fault of the teacher.

Fall term. Taught by Evelyn H. Merrill.

This teacher succeeded well, although in her own district. Her school was closed on account of sickness, and recommenced after an interval of some weeks. Although laboring under this disadvantage the school made good improvement, and the closing examination was satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Agent, Wm. Littlefield. Summer term taught by Etta A. Littlefield. The order in this school was good. The reading was good also, fair improvement was made in Geography. Other recitations not satisfactory.

Fall term. Taught by Calista M. Preble.

This teacher brought to the school a great deal of experi-

ence, and the school was a complete success. The parents were much pleased. Miss P. has a rare talent for interesting the younger scholars. The oral lessons in Natural Science and Astronomy were very interesting. If this teacher can be employed for the ensuing summer it will be a great benefit to the school.

Winter term. Taught by A. R. Littlefield.

This school was also a success. The order and improvement were excellent. I have no hesitation in recommending this gentleman as an earnest, faithful, conscientious teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Agent, Roswell E. Hamilton.

By a vote of this district, their school has been divicled into three grades, according to the age of the scholars. The youngest grade to attend the summer term, the next youngest to attend the fall term, and the oldest to attend the winter term. The sumtner term was taught by Lucy Hutchinson. Miss H. had about sixty scholars, all nnder twelve years of age. Fair improvement was made in all branches, but the order was deficient. This was probably due to the class of scholars she had charge of. Still I think that another teacher would have succeeded better in this school.

Fall term. Taught by Emma A. Mountfort. Miss Mountfort is an excellent teacher, and taught a first-rate school. Singing by the school was an interesting feature of the exercises. The district were never more satisfied than they were this term.

Winter term. Taught by Olive H. Merrill. This school was closed on account of sickness, and as I was not notified of the fact, I did not visit it, and can give no farther report of it.

DISTRICT NO. 11. (Crotch- Island.)

Agent, Joseph E. Small. Teacher, Grace Billings. This school is held in a private house. The reading was prompt

and loud. The recitations in Arithmetic were quite good, and problems in Fractions and Compound Numbers were solved readily. The writing books in this school were excelled by none in town.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Agent, Mr. Copp. The scholars in this district attend school in Falmouth.

DISTRICT NO. **13.**

Agent, Albert Rideout. Summer term taught by Alice E. Harris. This was Miss H.'s first school, and she succeeded well. The order mas good, and improvement satisfactory. I think Miss Harris will make a good teacher.

Winter term. Taught by Frank Dexter. This was Mr. Dexter's first attempt at teaching. As I was not notified of its close, I did not visit it but once. It then appeared to he in a fair condition.

Respectfuliy submitted,

L. P. STURDIVANT, Supervisor of Schools.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

—AND—

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 21ST, 1877.

PORTLAND, ME.:
M. N. & F. G. RICH, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
1876.

REPORT.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1876.

For State tax,		$1,923.69
County tax,		867.60
Schools,	$1,300.80	
Support Poor,	800.00	
Notes and Interest,	1,650.00	
Roads and Bridges,	500.00	
Contingent,	1,000.00	
Collector's Premium,	120.63	
Overlay,	170.37	
Supplement,	28.00	
Unpaid Highway,	49.29	$5,619.09
Total Assessment,		$8,410.38
Total Valuation,	$549,930.00	

Total Number of Bolls, 404.

Poll tax, $3.00.

Rate of taxation, 1 3 mills on the dollar.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Treas. Insane Hospital, support Eaton and Jones,	$75.18
Dr. Thomas, attendance on John Hamilton's family, as per vote of town,	7.00
S. T. Merrill, board of Abbott boys to Mar. 27, '76,	45.50
Joab Black, digging grave for Mrs. Simmons,	5.00
Barnwill J. Thompson, one year's board of Betsey Hamilton,	52.00
Dr. Ingalls, attendance on paupers on island as per vote of town,	15.00
S. Rich & Son, coffin for pauper on island,	13.00
Geo. Marston, coffin for Mrs. Sarah Simmons,	10.00
S. T. Merrill, board and clothing for Abbott boys,	50.83
Treas. Insane Hospital, support Eaton, Jones and Bryan,	81.14
Edward Butler, aid to poor,	2.60
Chas. Wyman, for transient paupers,	10.25
J. R. Frost, board and grave clothes for Sarah Simmons,	37.43
Treas. Insane Hospital, support Eaton, Jones and Bryan,	101.79
S. T. Merrill, board of Abbott boys to Dec. 27, '76,	78.00
" clothing for Abbott boys,	10.69
Treas. Insane Hospital for Eaton, Jones & Bryan,	99.31
Edward Butler, far aid to poor,	5.55
Enos Blanchard, feeding and lodging 22 tramps,	17.25
Hamilton & Co., supplies furnished poor on island,	16.12
H. A. Lamb, M. D., examination of Wm. J. Bryan,	2.00
B. H. Ordway, " " "	2.00
E. C. Barber, one pair shoes Wm. J. Bryan,	2.00
S. Hamilton, board of Jane Webber, seven weeks, $2.00 per week,	14.00
Asa Sawyer, feeding and lodging 34 tramps,	30.60
M. W. Hall, M. D., professional services rendered to Mrs. Simmons, 1875,	12.25

M. W. Hall, M. D., professional services rendered to Mrs. Simmons' 1876,	20.25
	$816.74
Sum raised by town,	800.00
Balance against town,	$16.74

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid Wm. M. Merrill, interest on town note of $1,000	75.00
Treas. Portland Savings Bank, interest on town note of $3,000	109.50
Trustees Greeley Institute, interest on notes of $12,000, $6,000, $2,000 and $500	615.00
N. L. Merrill, interest on town note of $300	21.00
Treasurer Portland Savings Bank in interest on town note of $3,000	109.50
Trustees Greeley Institute, interest on notes of $12,000, $6,000, $2,000 and $500	615.00
N. L. Merrill, interest in full on $300 town note	9.39
Trustees Cumberland School Fund,	52.62
Wm. M. Merrill, interest on $250 town note,	17.50
	$1,624.51
Sum raised by town,	1,650.00
Balance in favor of town,	$25.49

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Samuel Winch, labor in District No. 16,	$6.90
Otis A. Mountfort, " "	7.40
P. A. Merrill, stringers, plank & labor, Dist. No. 9,	23.41
Rufus Morrison, labor in Dist. No. 16,	8.00
Thomas Lowell, building new road in Dist. No. 9,	194.00
Z. E. G. Prince, three hundred ft. bridge plank,	3.00

Paid I. W. Morrison, blasting ledge and labor on bridge in Dist. No. 14,	42.95
Sewall Whitney, three stringers for Mill bridge,	3.00
Leighton & Wilson, 687 ft. bridge plank, $12 per M.,	8.24
Lewis Merrill, labor in Dist. No. 8,	19.95
John Legrow, " " 16,	13.40
Otis A. Mountfort, 642 ft. bridge plank, $14 per M., delivered,	8.98
E. T. Hall, 646 ft. bridge plank at $11 per M., and three stringers for bridge $1.00 each,	10.10
Z. E. G. Prince, 1 bridge stringer and putting same in Dist. No. 9,	3.20
Wm. M. Merrill, 1,569 ft. bridge plank,	20.72
	$373.25
Sum raised by town,	$500.00
Balance in favor town,	$126.75

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Joseph Harris, overwork on highway in Dist. No. 3, 1875,	2.00
A. S. Sweetsir. services March meeting 1876, as per vote town,	3.00
Joab Black, superintending burial ground for 1875,	3.00
J. E. Dunn, taxes refunded as per vote town,	5.40
Wm. E. Edwards, making list ship-owners for 1876,	8.00
Wm. T. Littlefield, overwork on highway in Dist. No. 22, 1875,	3.60
S. T. Merrill, land damage for road crossing his land,	60.00
A. S. Sweetsir, services as Town Clerk for the year 1875,	12.00
Samuel B. Clough, superintending burial ground in 1875,	2.00
J. B. Sweetsir, Adm. Estate, E. Poole, labor on highway Dist. No. 8, 1875,	22.05
Wm. M. Marks, printing town reports of 1876,	20.00
Hollis St. Clair, making deed, examining records and snow bill 1875,	5.40
Kendall & Whitney, one iron scraper,	9.00
Samuel Mountfort, labor on highway as per vote town,	9.40
John A. Hamilton, services as Constable for 1875,	3.00

S. M. Rideout, raising seat on hearse,				2.00
Wm. L. Prince, Auditing town accounts and examining Treasury accounts,				3.00
N. M. Perkins & Co., keg blasting powder and fuse,				5.00
Levi Lufkin, services as Constable for the year 1876,				13.50
L. P. Sturdivant, services and travel as Supervisor, 1876,				70.23
Wm. T. Littlefield, repairing grave yard fence on Island,				2.00
A. R. " services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor, 1876,				23.88
A. S. Sweetsir, services as Town Clerk for 1876.				12.00
Wm. S. Blanchard, services and traveling expenses, as Selectman and Overseer Poor, 1876,				88.50
Asa Sawyer, services and traveling expenses as Selectman and Overseer Poor,				82.41
S. T. Merrill, services as Town Treas. 1876,				35.00
Alvin Leighton, Collector's premium in full on 1874 taxes,				27.52
S. T. Merrill, taxes and cost on non-resident taxes sold,				62.51
Bela Blanchard, breaking snow in Dist. No. 9,				1.00
J. M. Legrow, surveyor, bills breaking snow in Dist. No. 16,				[illegible]
A. H. Buxton,	do	do	5,	7.90
Moses Thomes,	do	do	12,	47.68
B. F. Doughty,	do	do	4,	11.48
Wm. S. Moxey, 1875,	do	and repairs in do	2,	19.45
J. A. Blanchard,	do	do	6,	46.63
John Hulit,	do	do	15,	19.31
Wm. T. Littlefield,	do	do	22,	13.20
Robert C. Hamilton,	do	do	20,	35.90
Hollis St. Clair,	do	do	2,	40.33
Andrew L. Huston,	do	do	13,	24.62
Lewis Merrill,	do	do	8,	24.73
J. S. Sawyer,	do	do	18,	19.89
Robert Hamilton,	do	do	21,	9.00
Wm. M. Merrill,	do	do	7,	1.50
Joseph Harris,	do	do	3,	11.00
Sewall Whitney,	do	do	11,	9.47
O. S. Collins,	do	do	7,	44.70
Alvin Leighton,	do	do	9,	7.90
				997.94
Sum raised by town,				$1,000.00
Balance in favor town,				$2.06

TAXES ABATED 1876.

Abated on lists of	Alvin Eeighton	for 1874	as per vote town,	$10.00
do	do	1875	do	9.00
do	do	1874	by selectmen,	4.60
do	do	1875	do	19.65
do	do	1876	do	25.22
Abated on N. R. tax returned to town Treas. 1875, do				3.32
Total,				$71.79

Amount assessed for poor,		$800.00 ;	expended,	$816.74
do	for notes and interest,	1,650.00 ;	do	1,624.51
do	for roads and bridges,	500.00 ;	do	373.25
do	for contingent,	1,000.00;	do	997.94
do	for (loll's premium,	120.63 ;		
do	for overlay,	170.37 ;		
do	for supplement,	28.00 ;		
Highway deficiencies of 1875,		49.29 ;		
Total,		$4,318.29 ;	expended,	$3,812.44
			abatements,	71.79
Expended,		$3,884.23		$3,884.23
Balance in favor town,		$434.06		

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. LORING, TOWN **AUDITOR.**

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	$1,250.00
do Greeley Institute,	20,800.00
do Cumberland School Fund,	877.00
do Portland Savings Bank,	3,000.00
Balance due school districts,	668.49
Outstanding bills including Collector's premium due,	125.00
Town orders outstanding,	202.00
Liabilities,	$26,922.49

AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer,	$3,926.00
Due from individual tax bid in by town,	62.51
do do	3.90
do State mill tax,	572.73
do State school fund,	402.94
do John Jones, bank book in treasurer's hands,	122.77
Note and interest secured by mortgage deed,	530.93
Availabilities,	5,621.78
Balance against town,	$21,300.71

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. BLANCHARD,
ASA SAWYER,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD,
} Selectmen of Cumberland.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

Balance in Treasury March, 1876,	$3,628.31
Assessors commitment for 1876,	5,619.09
Received from tax deeds redeemed,	153.88
Cash received on note held by town,	16.00
" " from State for schools,	992.11
" " " Cumberland school fund,	102.62
" " " Augustus Abbott,	10.00
" " " Selectmen,	4.70
" Free High School,	500.00
	$11,026.71
Paid out town orders,	7,100.71
Balance due the town,	$3,926.00
Amount due from Collector,	$3,925.96
Cash to balance,	.04
	$3,926.00

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's account and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WM. L. LORING. TOWN AUDITOR.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF GREELH INSTITUTE,

The Spring term of school commenced March 8th. No. of pupils, fifty-four. W. R. Hemmenway, Principal, Miss M. G. Buxton, 1st Assistant, Miss Nellie L. Sweetsir, 2d Assistant, and continued eleven weeks.

The Fall term commenced Aug. 28th, under the direction of J. Marshall Hawkes, Brin., Miss M. G. Buxton, Preceptress, Herbert A. Merrill, Assistant, and continued twelve weeks, closing with an exhibition on the eve. of Nov. 17th. No. of pupils fifty-two.

The Winter term commenced Dec. 4th, with fifty-seven pupils; same Principal and Preceptress as for the previous term, Miss. Julia E. Wilder, of Pembroke, Maine, Assistant. The examination exercises at the close of this term, were attended by a very large number of parents of pupils and friends of the school, who showed by their presence and attention, their deep interest in the welfare of the school.

The Spring term commences March 5th, under the same instructors, with the prospect of a very large attendance.

PERMANENT FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$12,000.00
" " "	6,000.00
" " "	2,000.00
Total,	$20,000.00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

At the commencement of the Fall term, the condition of the apparatus was such, that before the ordinary class-room experiments could be performed, it was necessary to have it thoroughly repaired and cleaned of the dust and corrosion engendered by neglect and carelessness. For this purpose, it was sent to the Messrs. Chamberlain, of Boston, who have made it as good as new. Two nice cases have been constructed to contain it, which, with proper care on the part of the Principal, will prevent any future loss in this direction.

On account of this expenditure, me have been compelled to draw heavily of this fund.

For amount in Portland savings bank,	$405.58
May and November dividends,	24.66
Total amount drawn from Sank,	$430.24
Cash expended for repairing apparatus,	$66.80
" " " making cases,	62.34
" on hand,	1.10
Town of Cumberland note,	300.00
	$430.24

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland savings bank,		$521.94
May and November dividends,		31.74
Total,		$553.68.
Expended for "Our First Century,"	$6.75	
" " binding books,	7.50	
Cash on hand,	10.75	
Amount drawn from bank,	$25.00	
Balance in bank, Feb. 21st, 1877,		$528.68

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$500.00
amount in Portland bank,	500.00
	$1,000.00
For amount due on tuition books previous to Spring term, 1877,	$54.50
For cash balance,	3.93
Total accumulated,	$1,058.43

3s. *General income from permanent fund and other*

Paid	Wm. D. Little & Co., insurance on building, &c.,	$48.75
	W. R. Hemmenway, prin., teaching spring term,	333.34
	Maria G. Buxton, 1st ass't " "	121.00
	Nellie L. Sweetsir, 2d " " "	6.00
	George D. Merrill, care of building, "	18.00
	Dresser, McLellan & Co., crayons,	1.00
	M. B. Bourne, repairing slating,	15.65
	J. V. R. Coombs, repairing stove,	3.50
	A. S. Phillips, whitewashing,	6.00
	Jane Field, cleaning school room,	2.75
	Wm. H. Skillings, labor painting,	10.50
	Emery Osgood, for forty settees,	161.60
	J. B. Fickett, paints and glass,	24.85
	Wm. M. Marks, printing,	6.00
	Dresser, McLellan & Co., five hundred catalogues,	32.00
	Thomes & Blanchard, sundries,	5.33
	Proprietors, Press, Argus and Transcript advertising,	6.88
	Dresser, McLellan & Co., four dozen ink wells,	21.53
	D. M. Lawrence, 12 tons 430 lbs. coal,	83.26
	Wm. E. Wilson, setting glass,	1.50
	E. Greely, labor painting,	10.00
	Nutter Bros. & Co., galvanized funnel,	10.80
	J. M. Hawkes, principal, teaching Fall term,	333.33
	Maria G. Buxton, 1st ass't " " "	132.00
	H. A. Merrill, 2d " " " "	5.00
	F. S. Sawyer, care of building, " "	19.00
	J. M. Hawkes, composition for blackboards, and ink,	5.50
	" principal, teaching Winter term,	333.33
	M. G. Buxton, 1st ass't " " "	121.00
	J. E. Wilder, 2d " " " "	6.00
	Geo. D. Sweetsir, care of building,	20.00
	A. R. Littlefield, bill as trustee,	2.00
	S. M. Rideout, labor on building,	1.20
	Rounds & Dyer, one-half ton coal,	3.00
	Wm. S. Blanchard, labor and materials,	32.50
	" services as trustee for past year,	21.08
	Asa Sawyer, labor and services as trustee,	17.85
		$1,982.95
	Cash balance,	3.98
		$1,986.88

Sources in acc't with Trustees of Greely Institute. CR.

By cash balance from last year's acc't,	$136.88
cash drawn from Portland Savings Bank,	500.00
Interest on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000 and $500 notes,	615.00
" " " " " " "	615.00
Gash received from tuitions Pall term of 1875,	18.50
" " " " Winter term of 1876,	20.00
" " " " Spring "	35.00
" " " " Fall "	28.00
" " " " Winter " 1877,	18.50
	$1,986.88

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. BLANCHARD,
ASA SAWYER,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD,
} Trustees: of Greely Institute.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. LORING, AUDITOR.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

I have to report our schools in town as generally successful. We have had twenty-one terms of school during the year, viz.: eight summer terms, five fall, and eight winter terms, in which were employed fourteen different teachers. Of these teachers, eight were ladies, and six gentlemen. Three of the gentlemen and one of the ladies had never taught before.

I have not heard a single complaint concerning any school during the year, and I do not think there has been a single failure. I believe we have obtained more benefit from what money we have expended this year, than we have in any year since the schools have been under my care. But I can not say that I am perfectly satisfied. The quality of the work done in some of our schools is not what it should be. A few of our districts are contenting themselves with medium schools when they can have better ones by demanding better work of their teachers. There is too much of a tendency to employ inexperienced teachers, and they are generally employed for the schools that need experienced teachers the most.

It is right to employ such teachers once in a while, but no more than one should be employed in a District in the course of a year. Our best schools have been the summer terms in Districts No. 1,

3, 5, and 7, the fall terms in No. 3, 7, and 9, and the winter terms in No. 2, 5, and 8. There were others that were very good, and all have been of value. There are two branches of study which are too much neglected in our schools; I refer to spelling and penmanship. Many of our scholars from eight to fourteen years of age spend so much time on studies that might be postponed to a latter age, that they can not give these branches the attention they should receive. And yet this the very time at which writing and spelling should receive the most attention. At least one-sixth of the school time should be given to the spelling lesson, and scholars between the ages of eight and fourteen years should spend at least thirty minutes of each day in writing, not exclusively with pen and ink, but with slate or paper and pencil.

Although the text-books used in town, are not uniform, me have district uniformity, and I have not deemed it expedient to make any change this year. Hilliard's readers have been used in town, some over ten years, and the scholars are so familiar with them, that they almost know them by heart. Perhaps it mould be well to change them if it could be done with little expense,

SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by town,	$1,300.80
" received from Tomn Fund,	102.62
" " " State Mill Tax,	402.94
" " " Bank Tax and State Fund,	572.73
Total Resources,	$1,379.09

It will be seen by referring to the table that we apportioned twenty per cent. of the school money among the Districts this year, that being the extent allowed by law for this purpose.

I mould recommend that a new school-house be built in Dist. No. 8, for it is sadly needed. I would also recommend that repairs be made upon the interior of the house in Dist. No. 1.

In conclusion, I would say that as two-fifths of the scholars in town are unable to obtain much benefit from the bequest of the late Mr. Greeley, I would recommend that a term of free High School be held in Dist. No. 9 and 2, 4, or 5 as was directed by a vote of the town one year ago.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. STURDIVANT, Supervisor of Schools.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE SCHOOLS IN CUMBERLAND,

For the Year ending **March** 1, 1877.

No. Dis.	NO. schrs.	20 per cent.	Total.	Nsmc of Agent.	NAMES OF TEACHERS. Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
1	30	$53.00	$154.25	C. P. Graffam,	Alma M. Brackett,		Alice Harris.
2	55	55.00	240.62	Asa Merrill,	Julia C. Duran,		G. E. Murray.
3	79	Nothing.	266.65	S. Porter,	Maggie Sturdivant,	Margie Sturdivant,	Margie Sturdivant.
4	41	55.00	193.87	R. L. Abbott,	Alice Harris,		Julia Duran.
5	41	55.01	193.38	Wm. Wilson,	Susie Cummings,		Susie Cummings.
6	4	35.00	48.50	Wm. L. Loring,	This school is under supervision of Yarmouth.		
7	49	35.00	200.37	Willis Watts,	Olive Merrill,	Olive Merrill,	
8	98	45.00	375.75	Renj. Bishop,	Nary A. Reed,	Alphonso Cole,	A. R. Littlefield.
9	119	40.00	441.63	Jas. Hamilton,	Jennie O. Eastman,	Annie Prince,	M. E. Chadbourne.
11	11	50.00	87.12	Moses Pettengill,			P. M. Leighton.
12	8	Nothing.	27.00	E. Morrison,	Scholars in this District attend school in Falmouth.		
13	27	52.59	150.47	A. Rideout,		Pomeroy Wells.	H. A. Merrill.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1878,

PORTLAND:
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REPORT.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1877.

For State Tax,		$1,539 75
" County Tax,		990 05
" Schools,	$1,300 80	
" Support of Poor,	800 00	
" Notes and Interest,	1,625 00	
" Contingent,	1,000 00	
" Roads and Bridges,	500 00	
" Collector's Premium,	119 22	
" Overlap,	32 88	
" Supplement,	9 00	
" Unpaid Highway,	40 61	
		$5,427 51
Total Assessments,		$7,957 31

Total Valuation, **$556,225.**
Total number of Polls, 414.
Poll Tax, **$3** 00.
Rate of taxation, 12 mills on the dollar.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Leighton & Wilson, supplies furnished Ephraim B. Field for 1875,	$8 55
" Win. S. Blancliard, aid to poor 1876,	75
" Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber, 1876,	22 00
" Barnwell J. Thompson, for board of Betsy Hamilton to March 1st, 1877,	50 00
" Treas. Insaue Hospital, support of Eaton Jones and Bryan,	105 79
" E. B. Shaw, support of Abbott boys,	49 27
" Jordan Brown, food and lodging for 21 tramps,	15 75
" E. B. Shaw, support of Rufus Stubbs,	41 75
" Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	20 00
" E. B. Shaw, board of Stubbs and Abbott boys,	78 00
" Treas. Insane Hospital, support of Eaton, Brynn and Jones,	109 13

"	Treas. Cape Elizabeth, supplies to H. C. Miller,	15 00
"	Simeon Jones, board of John Jones,	26 00
"	E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	41 85
"	" " " Abbott boys,	55 20
"	Treas. Insane Hospital, support of Eaton and Bryan,	67 30
"	Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	24 00
"	P. A. Merrill, use of stable for tramps,	5 00
"	York & Doughty, pilot bread "	4 20
"	Simeon Jones, board of John Jones, including Dr. Bates' bill,	37 00
"	D. L. Blanchard, expense to Augusta with J. Jones,	2 00
"	Edward Butler, three tickets to Augusta,	5 70
"	E. B. Shaw, support of Stubbs and Abbott boys,	78 00
"	Lewis Merrill, food and lodging for 98 tramps,	7 26
"	J. M. Drinkwater, food and lodging for 14 tramps,	7 00
"	M. W. Hall, M. D., examination of John Jones,	2 00
"	Treas. Insane Hospital, for support of Eaton, Bryan, Jones and C. W. Sweetsir,	106 08
"	Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber 5 weeks,	10 00
"	D. R. Allen, supplies to poor,	6 34
		$1,000 92
	Sum raised by town,	800 00
	Balance against town,	$200 92

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid	Wm. M. Merrill, interest on $260 note,	$ 17 50
"	" " " " 1,000 "	75 00
"	Treas. Portland Saving Bank, interest on $3,000 note,	109 50
"	Trustees Greely Institute, interest on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000, $500 and $300 notes,	624 00
"	Trens. Portland Savings Bank, interest on $3,000 note,	90 00
"	" Cumberland School fund,	52 62
"	Trustees Greely Institute, interest on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000, $500 and $300 notes,	624 00
		$1,592 62
	Sum raised by town,	1,625 00
	Balance in favor of town,	$32 38

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	E. G. Reed, bridge stringers,	$ 6 00
"	S. P. Powell, labor on bridge,	25 88
"	" building town landing by job,	85 00
"	C. A. Merrill, bridge plank,	8 17
"	David Allen, labor on bridge and stone,	28 00
"	Samuel Winch, labor on bridge,	11 62
"	E. W. Morrison, labor on bridge,	3 00

" Howard O. Merrill, labor on bridge,	24 37
" Edward W. Hadley, labor on briclge,	11 25
" Edmond D. hlerrill, labor on hridgc,	7 50
" C. W. Shaw, mending chains,	94
" Daniel Shaw, labor on bridge,	2 25
" E. G. Prince, labor on bridge and stone,	23 25
" Lewis Merrill, labor on highway,	5 00
" Albert Drinkwater, stone for bridge,	5 00
" Jordan Brown, labor on bridge,	6 00
" N. M. Shaw, labor on stone and bridge,	3 75
" R. N. Leighton, lnbor on stone and briclge,	7 00
" D. R. Allen, lnbor and materials,	46 50
" M. W. Pearson, bridge railings,	1 50
" Wm. M. Merrill, hauling stone for bridge,	[illegible]
	$347 23
Sum raised by town,	500 00
Balance in favor of town,	$162 77

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid George Hannaford, labor on highway,	$22 40
" Wm. M. Blanchard, horse and man to Center,	1 25
" J. W. Morrison, breaking snow, Dist. No. 14,	6 80
" J. R. Duran, breaking snow,	1 75
" A. H. Parris, surveyor, labor on highway,	26 91
" John A. Hamilton, services as Constable,	2 50
" Joab Black, supt. of burying-ground and repairs,	4 50
" Nath'l Thompson, surveyor, breaking snow,	32 40
" Kendall & Whitney, one iron scraper,	8 00
" Wm. L. Loring, services as Auditor,	2 50
" T. B. Davis, powder and fuse,	1 09
" M. N. & F. G. Rich, printing 300 town reports,	15 00
" O. S. Collins, lumber and removing fence,	6 75
" York & Doughty, stationery,	54
" A. S. Sweetsir, services as Clerk town meeting, 1877,	2 00
" A. J. Osgood, services as Moderator town meeting, 1876–77,	6 00
" Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, books and stationery,	11 80
" Edward Ross, building burying-ground fence by contract,	87 20
" S. M. Rideout, repairing hearse,	3 10
" Levi Lufkin, services as Constable,	10 00
" Alvin Leighton, Collector's premium for 1875–76,	150 00
" Joseph Hicks, ½ cord wood, sawed and split,	3 25
" Win. M. Merrill, bridge plank,	8 98
" " " labor on highway,	6 30
" S. T. Merrill, for taxes bid in by town,	58 74
" Alvin Leighton, for taxes bid in by town,	136 33
' S. T. Merrill, services as Treasurer, 1877,	30 00

" Joseph Sawyer, attending funerals with hearse,	27 00
" A. S. Sweetsir, services as Town Clerk,	12 00
" E. K. Sweetsir, services as Supervisor of Schools,	68 00
" N. M. Shaw, services and travelling expenses as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	69 25
" D. R. Allen, services and travelling expenses as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	79 70
" D. R. Allen, order book, use of derrick, &c.,	6 10
	$908 14
Sum raised by town,	1,000 00
Balance in favor of town,	$91 86

TAXES ABATED 1877.

Abated on lists of Alvin Leighton. for 1875, by vote of town,	$46 74
" " " " " 1876, " "	10 41
" " " " " 1874, by Selectmen,	3 00
" " " " " 1875, " "	14 75
" " " " " 1876, " "	6 50
" " C. E. Herrick, " 1877, " "	21 00
	$102 40

Amount assessed for Poor,	$800 00	Expended	$1,000 92
" " " notes and interest,	1,625 00	"	1,592 62
" " " roads and bridges,	500 00	"	347 23
" " " contingent,	1,000 00	"	908 14
" " " Collector's premium,	119 22		
" " " overlay,	32 88		
" " " supplement,	9 00		
Highway deficiencies,	40 61		
Total,	$4,126 71	Expended	$3,848 91
	3,951 31	Abatements	102 40
Balance in favor of town,	$175 40		$3,951 31

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. BLANCHARD, AUDITOR.

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	$1,250 00
" " Greely Institute,	20,800 00
" " Cumberlarid School fund,	877 00
" " Portland Savings Bank,	3,000 00
Balance due School Districts,	793 35
Outstanding bills, including Collector's premium, estimated,	211 00
Town Orders outstanding,	539 65
Liabilities,	$27,471 00

AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer,	$5,159 34
Due from individual tax bid in by town,	58 74
" " " " "	136 33
Due State Mill Tax,	584 88
" State School fund,	366 03
" John Jones' bank book in Treasurer's hands,	128 90
Note and interest secured by mortgage deed,	554 93
Availabilities,	$6,989 15
Balance against town,	$20,481 85

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. ALLEN,
N. M. SHAW,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD. } Selectmen of Cumberland.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury, March, 1877,	$3,926 00
Assessor's Commitment for 1877,	5,427 51
Received from Tax Deeds redeemed,	68 67
" from State for Schools,	975 67
" Cumberland School Fund,	102 62
" State for Free High School,	500 00
	$11,000 47
Paid out, Town Orders,	5,841 13
Balance due the Town,	$5,159 34
Amount due from Collectors,	4,628 91
Cash to balance,	530 43
	$5,159 34

Due from Alvan Leighton,	Collector	1876,	$1,588 82
" C. M. Farwell,	"	1877,	30 99
" " C. E. Herrick,	"	"	3,009 10
			$4,628 91

S. T. MERRILL, TREASURER.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's Account, and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

F. W. BLANCHARD, AUDITOR.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Spring term of school commenced March 5th; number of pupils, seventy-three; J. Marshall Hawkes, Principal; Miss M. G. Buxton, 1st Assistant; Miss Julia E. Wilder, Miss Emma C. Pittee and Master Charles Mountfort, 2d Assistants; and continued eleven weeks.

The Fall term commenced Monday, Aug. 27th, with eighty. one pupils, and the same teacher as Principal, and Miss Maria S. Merrill as 1st Assistant, with the same 2d Assistants as the previous term, continuing twelve weeks.

The Winter term commenced Dec. 3d; number of pupils, sixty-six; Mr. Hawkes, Principal; Miss Merrill, 1st, and Miss Pittee, 2d Assistant, same teachers as previous term.

Spring term commences Monday, March 4th.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,				$1 2,000 00
" "	"	"		6,000 00
" "	"	"		2,000 00
Total,				$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,		$300 00
" Cash on hand		1 10
" six months interest on Town Note ($300),		9 00
" " " " " " " "		9 00
		$319 10
Cash expended for Chemicals,	$3 93	
" " " Cabinet Case,	8 25	
" on hand,	6 92	
		$19 10
Town of Cumberland Note,		300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,		$528 68
May and November Dividends,		22.99
		$551 67
		150 00
		$401 67
Cash on hand,	$10 75	
Interest received on $90 hired to pay Bills,	3 37	
Drawn from Bank,	150 00	
	$164 12	
Expended for one copy of the Centennial "History,	4 50	
Expended for one Book-case,	9 75	
" " Painting Library Room,	5 50	
" " Catalogues,	1 65	
" " 30 Library Books,	39 97	
	$61 37	
Deposited February, 1878,		102 75
Amount in Bank, February, 1878,		504 42

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	$500 00
" amount due on Tuition Books previous to Spring term, 1878,	$114 00
Cash balance,	110 45
Total accumulated,	$724 45

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES IN ACCT WITH TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid J. Marshall Hawkes, Chemicals,	$3 93
" Wm. D. Little & Co., Insurance permit extended,	2 60
" Wm. D. Little & Co., do. on Building, &c.,	51 00
" C. M. & J. N. Farwell, part pay on job in Institute,	50 00
" C. M. & J. N. Farwell, full amount due them on job,	100 00
" S. L. Farwell, cleaning, oiling, &c.,	2 50
" J. M. Hawkes, Principal, teaching Spring term,	333 33
" Maria G. Buxton, 1st Assistant, " "	110 00
" Julia E. Wilder, 2d " " "	6 00
" Emma C. Pittee, 2d " " "	6 00
" Charles Mountfort, 2d " " "	5 00
" G. D. Sweetser, care of bnilding, " "	20 00
" F. G. Rich & Co., printing 300 Reports,	6 00
" " " " " 500 Catalogues,	29 00
" " " " extra time on proof of Reports,	1 00
" " " " on Cut of Building,	9 80
" Eastern Argus, advertising,	5 00
" Transcript, "	6 80
" Daily Advertiser, "	2 50
" J. M. Hawkes, Principal, teaching Fall term,	333 33
" M. S. Merrill, 1st Assistant, " " "	108 00
" E. C. Pittee, 2d " " " "	6 00
" J. E. Wilder, 2d " " " "	6 00
" Charles Mountfort, 2d Ass't, " " "	5 00
" R. H. Blancharcl, care of building, &c.,	19 00
" J. M. Hawkes, supplies as per bill,	40 17
" J. B. Fickett, paint,	4 50
" Express on stove, book for library, &c.,	1 90
" J. H. Poor & Brother, 15 tons coal,	69 32
" S. Bourne, examining roof of Seminary,	1 00
" J. N. Farwell, labor on stairs, &c.,	1 50

" J. M. Hawkes, Principal, teaching minter term,	333 33
" S. M. Merrill, 1st Assistant, " " "	99 00
" E. C. Pittee, 2d " " " "	6 00
" J. M. Hawkes, supplies as per bill,	21 44
" R. H. Blanchard, care of building " "	20 00
" E. R. Osgood, mending glass,	50
" J. Morrill, drawing 15 tons coal,	26 25
" C. H. Blanchard, supplies as per bill,	9 22
" W. E. Wilson, fitting lock, &c.,	50
" Advertiser, advertising,	1 25
" A. R. Bangs, stove,	12 00
" Blanchard Brothers, supplies as per bill,	7 66
" N. M. Shaw, services as trustee,	1 50
" D. R. Allen, " "	17 00
" " and man work on chimneys,	3 25
	$1,899 08
Cash balance,	110 45
	$2,009 53
By Cash balance from last year's account,	$3 93
" Cash drawn from Portland Savings Bank,	500 00
" Interest on $12,000, $6,000 $2,000 and $500 Notes,	615 00
" " " " " " "	615 00
" Cash received from Tuitions, Ball term of 1875,	2 50
" " " " " " and Winter of 1876,	12 00
" " " " Wm. S. Blanchard, by error 1876,	2 60
" " " " Tuitions, Spring term 1877,	98 00
" " " " " Fall " "	102 00
" " " " " Winter " 1878,	58 50
	$2,009 53

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. ALLEN,
N. M. SHAW,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD, } Trustees of Greely Institute.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. BLANCHABD, AUDITOR.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The close of the fiscal and school year is a time when it becomes, not only the privilege, but the urgent duty of e~-ery citizen to inquire carefully into the condition and standing of tlie schools; to learn what measure of success has attended tho work of the teachers; and to ascertain what causes may be hindering their efficiency and successful progress. We shall endeavor to place before you a clear and brief statement of tlie condition of the schools as we found them, and as they are, so that all may enter upon the new year with a clear conception of their needs and prospects, and thus be able to act understandingly with reference to their future success.

On the first day of April, 1877, there were in the town 570 scholars between the ages of four and twenty-one, an increase of fire on previous year. Of this number nearly one-third have not attended any school during the year, and tlie average attendance has been less than one-half, or about eight per cent. less than the State average. Let parents remember, that absence and tardiness are the bane of our schools, and the remedy is in their own hands.

We will not enter into detail respecting the particular merit or demerit of each school, but rather give a general outline of tlie whole.

The amount of money—from all sources—appropriated for our common scliools the past year, was $2,354 33. This was apportioned to the several districts as follows:—

No. Dist.	Schol.	Per cent.	Total.	No. Dist.	Schol.	Per cent.	Total.
1	30	$55 00	$156 40	7	43	$55 00	$200 34
2	60	50 00	252 80	8	106		358 28
3	78		263 64	9	124		419 12
4	42	63 00	204 96	11	8	50 78	77 82
6	45	55 95	208 05	12	6		20 28
6	4	38 00	51 52	13	24	60 00	141 12

We did not know, till after the money was apportioned, that there was a family with several children on Hope Island, so no provision was made for them, but we trust they will be remembered in future.

The average length of the Summer schools was nine weeks, all taught by females The average wages being about eight dollars per week, including board; those on the Island receiving about two dollars per week more than those on the Main. The Summer and Fall terms of both schools on the Island were successful. The average of the Winter schools has been about eleven weeks. Three male teachers have been employed, and we think, to good advantage.

There has been no change of text-books during the year, but a change of readers in some of the districts might, perhaps, be made with profit. Here it may not be amiss to say a few words with reference to this important branch of education. Every teacher should be especially ambitious to have his pupils learn to read well. They should be carefully and thoroughly taught the elementary sounds of the language, and how they are made; also to give erery syllable a clear and distinct pronunciation. They should fully understand what they read, and be taught to read understandingly, Let teachers remember, that to be a good reader, is important, and requires a quick perception of the *meaning*, as well as proper enunciation of the words. Spelling should also have an important place in all our schools; bad spelling is worse than bad penmanship. Geography—This has been sadly neglected in some of our schools. It is especially adapted to young minds, and its study should be encouraged by both parents and teacher. Map drawing, which has been practiced in a few of the schools, is well adapted to make this study interesting and profitable.

Writing should receive more attention in our schools. To be able to write well, is not only an accomplishment, but a very practical and paying branch of education.

Arithmetic—Let a large share of this study, by all means, be mental. It is used every day of one's life, and should be made practical, and never confined to the book. The teacher

should understand it so well that he could teach it if every text-book was removed from the school-room. It should be taught by principles, rather than by rules and facts. Algebra and Geometry also are essential studies, and can often be pursued with profit even in our common-schools.

Grammar — Perhaps there is no single branch in which our teachers so generally fail as in that of Grammar. To teach this successfully, it must be done to a great extent, orally, and from the board. This is especially true of young pupils and beginners. If taught orally, the teacher may make what, at first seems dry and uninteresting, both *interesting* and pleasant.

We have thus far spoken of practical studies; not that we would exclude all others, but the want of practical knowledge, not only among our scholars, but with onr teachers, has been sadly apparent. Our boys and girls, who must soon act for themselves, need something more than a mere knowledge of text-books, to make them successful in life. Good tools are as necessary for the school-room, as for the mechanic or farmer. Every school should be supplied, not only with suitable text-books, but with plenty of black-boards, outline maps, Globe, and a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

The school-room should receive careful attention. It should be kept neat, and made to look cheerful and attractive. Some of our scliool-houses are in bad condition, and I would kindly remind parents, that, if they send their children to a dirty, neglected, unpleasant school room, they will be sure to develop habits of carelessness and inattention. A few dollars expended in paper and paint will often do much to help make a successful school.

We would say to our island friends, that while we commend them for their manifest interest in their schools, it seems to us that the system of grading in District No. 9 might be changed with profit. We have sometimes thought that if the two districts were united, having their Summer schools as they *now* do, at each end of the Island, and their Fall and Winter terms in a good building near the center, it would give them privileges equal to almost any free high school in the State.

Parents and Teachers! The future prosperity of this country and the happiness of its citizens rest upon you. It is yours to solve the great problem,—"What the nation shall be, in its growth, intelligence and morals." Remember that teaching is an art, requiring both natural and acquired skill of no ordinary kind. The training of the human mind is the *noblest* as well as the most *important* work in which man or woman can engage. There is so large amount of detail in the method and material of instruction, that it requires the most careful training to fit one to be an efficient teacher. For this and other reasons, Normal schools are indispensable; and as we are to have one so near as Gorham, we would kindly advise our teachers to avail themselves of its advantages, or give up the business.

In conclusion we would say, let us work together. In no case let the teacher be fully engaged without consulting the Supervisor. And let us not forget that we have, in our *own* town, a school, free to every child between the ages of twelve and twenty-one, that *ought* to be better than a thousand dollars to any one who will avail himself of its advantages.

Particular reports of any school mill be given in Ton-11-meeting if requested.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. SWEETSER, SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE:

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN of CUMBERLAND,

For the Fiscal Year ending Feb. *22*, 1879.

PORTLASD, ME.:
WILLIAM M. MARKS, PRINTER.
1879.

Selectmen's Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1878.

For State Tax,		$2,051 67
" County Tax,		820 99
" Schools,	$1,300 80	
" Support of Poor,	1,000 00	
" Notes and Interest,	1,600 00	
" Roads and Bridges,	200 00	
" Contingent,	1,000 00	
" Collector's Premium,	125 53	
" Overlay,	208 62	
" Unpaid Highway,	61 40	
		5,496 35
Total Assessment,		$8,369 01

Total Valuation, $543,970.

Total No. of Polls, 412.

Poll Tax, $3.00.

Rate of Taxation, 13 mills on a dollar.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	$38 00
" Mahala Smith, board of Mary Barnes and child,	10 00
" Asa Titcomb, board of Olive Titcomb,	14 00
" Rufus S. Hamilton, board of Mary Barnes,	5 00
" Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	12 00
" Treasurer City of Portland, supplies for W. H. Miller,	25 00
" B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	26 00
" " " "	29 00
" Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	26 00
Charles Bibber, board of Mary Barnes,	5 25
" *C. B.* Lakin, board, etc., of insane persons,	110 39
" " " "	133 08
" Woodbury Titcomb, board of Olive Titcomb,	31 25
" E. B. Shaw, board of Stubbs and Abbott boy,	58 50
" Ezra Titcomb, board of Olive Titcomb,	26 00
" Sarah Hnmilton, " Jane Webber,	26 00
" B. J. Thompson, " Betsey Hamilton,	24 00
" Hamilton & Co., for goods delivered to Jane Webber,	6 54
" J. T. Lewis & Go., clothing for L. S. Treen,	7 75
" Wyer Greene & Co., shoes "	1 25
" E. B. Shaw, board of R. Stubbs and Abbott boy,	64 60
" Maine General Hospital, board of L. S. Treen,	39 00
" P. A. Merrill, transporting remains of said Treen from Portland to Cumberland,	3 00

Paid W. Titcomb, board of Olive Titcomb,	43 25
" C. B. Lakin, board of insane persons,	65 57
" " " "	94 62
" E. B. Shaw, board, clothing, etc., of Fred. Abbott,	39 50
" " " Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
" C. B. Lakin, board, etc., of insane person,	90 63
" E. B. Shaw, board, clothing, etc., of R. Stubbs,	92 10
" C. J. keighton, food and lodging for two tramps,	2 00
" J. M. Drinkwater, providing for 19 tramps,	9 50
" B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	23 00
" Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	48 00
" Wm. T. Littlefield, getting coffin and attencling funeral of Leander Packard,	2 50
" Franklin Hamilton, digging grave, etc., for Leander Packard,	4 00
" Wm. S. Daley, visit to Leancler Packard,	6 00
" S. M. Brackett, conveying L. S. Treen to Portland,	4 50
	$1,285 68
Sum raised by Town,	1,000 00
Balance against town,	$285 68

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid Treasurer of Portland Savings Bank, int. on $3,000 note,	$90 00
" Trustees of Greely Institute, int. on notes of $12,000, $6,000, $2,000, $500 and $300,	624 00
" Treas. Portland Savings Bank, int. on $3,000 note,	90 00
" Wm. M. Merrill, int. on notes, $1,000 and $250,	75 00
" Trustees Cumberland School Fund,	52 62
" Trustees Greely Institute,	500 00
	$1,431 62
Amount raised by town,	1,600 00
Balance in favor of town,	168 38

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid H. R. Mountfort, bridge plank, stringers and labor,	$30 80
" Nathaniel Merrill, for stone,	2 90
" Hulit and Eaton, for building culvert,	122 00
	$155 70
Amount raised by town,	200 00
Balance in favor of town,	$44 30

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid F. W. Blanchard, services as Auditor,		$2 50
" Hollis St. Clair, services on acc'ts,		1 00
" A. S. Sweetsir, services as clerk at March meeting,		2 00
" A. R. Littlefield, services as selectman, 1877,		26 32
" Joab Black, superintending burying grounds, etc.,		4 25
" C. P. Graffam, labor on highway, 1876,		10 85
" Trustees of Greeley Institute, money rec'd from State in aid of Free Nigh Schools,		500 00
" C. M. Farwell, collector of taxes, premium in full,		30 27
" Sumner Sturdivant, injury to horse,		50 00
" Dresser, McLellan & Co., stationery,		17 79
" P. A. Merrill, use of stable,		5 00
" A. H. Buxton, service as health committee,		2 00
" H. R. Mountfort, builcling burying ground fence,		87 00
" Stront & Gage, legal advice for 1875 and '76,		25 00
" State Publishing Association, printing town reports,		15 00
" Eastern Argus, advertising non-resident taxes,		24 00
" L. P. Sturdivant, services as town Treasurer,		20 25
" " " Moderator,		2 00
" " " Supervisor of Schools,		65 34
" Alvin Leighton, taxes bid in by town,		158 55
" A. R. Littlefield, services as selectmen, assessor and overseer of poor,		25 85
" Chas. C. Hall, running line between Gray and Cumb'd,		1 50
" Joseph Sawyer, attending funerals in town,		22 00
" A. P. Lufkin, running line and setting up monuments between Cumberland and North Parmouth,		6 13
" N. M. Shaw, services as selectmen, assessor and overseer of the poor,		67 34
" D. R. Allen, services, selectmen, assessor and overseer of the poor,		80 31
" L. P. Sturdivaant, blank deeds,		38
" Levi Lufkin, services of constable,		14 25
		$1,266 88
Amount raised by town,	$1,000 00	
Amount received from State and appropriated by town to Greeley Institute,	530 00	
		1,500 00
Balance in favor of town,		$233 12

TAXES ABATED, 1878.

Abated on lists of Alvin Leighton as per vote of town, for the years 1875-6,			$54 25
" " " " " 1876, by Select'n,			23 54
" " C. E. Herrick, for 1877,		"	126 88
" " " " " 1878,		"	22 26
			$226 93
Amount assessed for Poor,	$1,000 00	Exp'd,	$1,285 68
" " " notes and int't,	1,600 00	"	1,431 62
" " " roads, bridges,	200 00	"	155 70
" " " contingent,	1,000 00	"	1,285 68
" " " Collect's prem.,	125 53		
" " " overlay,	208 62		
Highway deficiencies of 1877,	61 40		
	$4,195 55	Exp'd,	84,155 68
Amount received from State,	500 00	Abat'ts,	226 93
	$4,695 55		$4,385 61
	4,385 61		
Balance in favor of town,	$309 94		

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	$ 1,250 00
" " Greeley Institute,	20,800 00
" " Cumberland School fund,	877 00
" " Portland Savings Bank,	3,000 00
Balance due School Districts,	1,173 00
Outstanding bills, including Collector's premium due, estimated,	265 60
Town orders outstanding,	512 00
Interest due Greeley Institute,	124 00
Liabilities,	$28,001 60

AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer, as per his report,	$5,611 48
Amount due from Treasurer for disbursements for which he shows no vouchers,	150 00
Due from individual tax bid in by town,	303 77
" State Mill Tax,	611 06
" " " School Fund,	325 20
" " John Jones' bank book in Treasurer's hands	135 34
Note and interest secured by mortgage deed,	588 23
Availabilities,	$7,725 08

Balance against town, $20,276 52

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. ALLEN,
N. M. SHAW,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD, } *Selectmen of Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. H. MERRILL, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in Treasury, March, 1878,	$5,159 34
Assessor's commitment fee for 1878,	5,496 35
Received as interest on non-resident taxes,	17 74
" from I. & L. Mansfield for Weir license,	5 00
" for tax deeds redeemed,	26 00
" for State for schools,	936 26
" for State in aid of High schools,	500 00
" for Cumberland school fund,	102 62
" for advertising non-resident tax,	1 60
	$12,244 91
Paid out, town orders,	6,633 43
Balance due town,	$5,611 48
Due from C. E. Herrick, collector,	4,283 94
Due from A. Leighton, collector, 1876,	623 15
Total due from collectors,	$4,907 09
Due from non-residents,	95 52
Gash in treasury,	608 87,
	$5,611 48

L. P. STURDIVANT, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correctly cast, and I find it properly vouched, with the exception of one disbursement.

L. H. MERRILL, Auditor.

Report of the Trustees of Greely Institute.

The spring term of school commenced March 4th; number of pupils, eighty-five; J. M. Hawkes, Principal; Miss S. M. Merrill, 1st Assistant; Miss J. E. Wilder, 2d Assistant, and continued ten weeks.

The fall term commenced Aug. 26, C. T. Hawes, Principal; Miss L. H. Coburn, 1st assistant, and continued eleven weeks; number of pupils, forty-eight.

The winter term commenced Dec. 2d, with the same principal as the previous term, and Miss Clara A. Wilson, 1st Assistant and Mr. J. E. Warren, 2d Assistant; number of pupils fifty-six, continuing 11 weeks.

Spring term will commence Monday, March 3d.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	$12,000 00
" " "	6,000 00
" " "	2,000 00
Total,	$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For amount of Town of Cumberland Note,	$300 00
" cash on hand,	6 92
" one half year interest on said note,	9 00
" " " "	9 00
	$324 92
Paid J. M. Hawkes for supplies as per bill,	$13 41
Cash on hand to balance,	11 51
	$24 92
Town of Cumberland note,	$300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,		$504 42
May and November dividends,		22 87
		$527 29
Expended for library books and re-binding old,	$23 85	
Life, by T. W. Knox,	4 25	
Amount drawn from bank,	$28 10	
Balance in bank, Feb. 22, 1879,		$499 19

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$500 00
amount due on tuition book previous to spring term, 1879,	183 *00*
Cash balance,	131 *70*
Total accumulated,	$814 *70*

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GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES, IN ACC'T WITH TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid cash by deposit in Portland savings bank,	$400 00
" Nutter Bros. & Co., furnace grate,	4 00
" State Publishing association, 300 reports,	5 00
" Wm. D. Little & Co., insurance on Institute building for three years, from May 1, 1878, to May 1, 1881,	90 00
Paid W. T. Kilborn & Co., shades and fixtures,	6 00
" J. M. Hawkes, salary, spring term,	333 33
" J. M. Hawkes, supplies as per bill,	37 26
" Miss Julia Wilder, 2d assistant, spring term,	25 00
" Miss M. S. Merrill, 1st assistant, "	90 00
" R. H. Blanchard, care of seminary buildings,	20 00
" C. K. Hawes' note and interest for piano, part pay,	101 07
Paid S. True, stamps for catalogues delivered to pupils,	1 24
" F. S. Sanford, labor on furnace,	75
" Nntter Bros. & Co., 10 lbs. galvanized funnel,	2 50
" G. B. Bagley, printing catalogues,	21 50
" R. H. Blanchnrd, care of seminary buildings fall term, cleaning seminary, setting glass, &c., as per bill,	29 15

Paid C. T. Hawes, services, fall term,	270 00
" L. H. Coburn, 1st assistant, fall term,	108 00
" Loring, Short & Harmon, text books,	12 37
" Transcript office, advertising,	6 30
" J. P. Wheelwright, tuning piano,	3 50
" Knight & Howarth, stove & funnel,	10 85
" J. M. Haskell, taking down the tops of four chimneys on seminary and rebuilding as per bill,	64 00
Paid T. C. Cooper & Co., repairing slate roof on seminary, as per bill,	9 11
Paid D. M. Lawrence, 11,825 lbs. coal,	31 04
" L. & L. F. Walker, 8,974 lbs. coal,	23 11
" Blanchard Bros., hauling 20,799 lbs. coal,	15 60
" R. H. Blanchard, furnishing and setting glass,	3 50
" C. T. Hawes, teaching winter term,	240 00
" Miss C. A. Wilson, 1st assistant,	99 00
" D. R. Allen, labor and cash paid as per bill,	15 94
" " " services as trustee,	20 50
" N. M. Shaw, " "	3 00
" R. H. Blanchard, care seminary, winter term,	15 00
" Emery, Waterhouse & Co., as per bill of 1876,	22 74
	$2,140 86
Cash balance in Portland Savings bank,	131 70
By cash from Wm. P. York, town treasurer, State aid,	$500 00
error in last account,	56
tuition spring term,	93 00
Portlancl savings bank,	400 00
interest on $12,000.00; $6,000.00; $2,000.00 and $500.00 notes,	615 00
By Portland savings bank,	110 00
Tuition, Fall Term,	29 00
one second-hand oil stove,	6 00
interest on $12,000.00; $2,000.00 and $500.00	435 00
tuition winter term,	28 00
interest in part on $6,000.00 note,	56 00
	$2,272 56

Due from town, interest in part on $6,000.00 note, $124.00.

Your trustees have purchased a nice Chickering piano for the benefit of the Institute, for which the trustees gave their notes for $300.00, payable to Mr. C. K. Hawes (of Portland), as follows: first note, Sept. 1, 1878, and was paid at that time; the second note will become due Sept. 1, 1879; the third and last will fall due Sept. 1,1880.

The tops of the chimneys in the Institute, upon examination were found to be unsafe, in consequence of being built with poor mortar, the lime having worked out of the seams so much that they leaked very badly throughkhe joints, in blowing rain-storms, and we thought it would be expedient to have them taken down some two feet below the roof and rebuilt, which we did at a cost of $64.60.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. ALLEN,
N. M. SHAW,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD, } *Trustees of Greely Institute.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and found them correctly cast, and properly vouched.

L. H. MERRILL, Auditor.

School Report.

Fellow Citizens:

As money seems to be absolutely necessary to the existence of our town schools, it will be proper in making our report to ascertain first, our resources for schools, which are as follows:

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	$1,300 80
" of Town Fund,	102 62
" received from State as State Mill Tax,	611 06
" " " " " school Fund,	325 20
Total for Schools,	$2,339 68

This has been divided as follows:

No. Dist.	No. of Schol.	15 Per. Ct.	Total.	No. Dist.	No. of Schol.	15 Per Ct.	Total.
1	33	$39 00	$151 20	8	98	$20 00	$353 20
2	55	33 00	220 00	9	125	3 00	428 00
3	80		272 00	10	4	25 00	38 60
4	43	52 16	198 36	11	7	37 50	61 36
5	47	45 00	204 80	12	7	23 80	23 80
6	5	17 00	47 00	13	30	37 56	139 56
7	52	25 00	201 80				

There were within the limits of the town, on the 1st day of April, 1878, the number of 586 children between the ages of four and twenty-one years. Of these, four were upon Hope Island; and it having been ascertained by our assessors that that Island was Distriet No. 10, money was apportioned to them, and there has been a school in that District during the past winter.

SCHOOLS.

The condition and progress of the schools as nearly as I could ascertain has been as follows :

DISTRICT No. 1—SUMMER TERM. Joseph Stardivant, Agent; Emily A. Norton, Teacher. This was a small school, and consisted principally of small scholars. At my first visit I found the teacher well interested and trying to make this a successful term. Unfortunately, at my last visit some of the older pupils were absent; but those who were present showed by their correct answers to questions asked them, that their time had been well spent. Good improvement was noticed especially in the Mental Arithmetic and spelling classes. The order also was good. I believe this to have been a profitable term of school.

WINTER TERM—Charlés F. Andrews, Teacher. Mr. Andrews passed a fair examination, and at a visit made at the commencement of the term the school appeared to be in a fair condition. The scholars were interested, the order was good, and the teacher appeared to have good methods of instruction. The agent moved out of the State before the school commenced, and, as there was no one to perform his duties, the Supervisor was not notified of the close of the school and did not visit it but once, and consequently can give no farther report of it.

DISTRICT No. 2—SPRINGAND FALL TERMS. E. S. W. Jones, Agent; Mary L. Hitchcock, Teacher. This was Miss Hitchcock's first attempt at teaching, and she succeeded as well as beginners usually do. She is a good scholar, appears to have a liking for the business, and I think with more experience she will make a fine teacher. In the Spring term good improvement was made in the smaller reading classes, also in the Geography class. In the Arithmetic classes, although not a large amount had been done, yet that had been well done. In the fall term, the teacher seemed more at home in her work, and fair improvement was made in most of the branches taught.

WINTER TERM—Horace E. Sawyer, Teacher. At my first visit, I found this school in a good condition. I was forced to make my second visit about three weeks before the close, and the school was examined without any preparation. Fair improvement was noticed in all the classes examined. I feel satisfied that Mr. Sawyer has been a faithful and patient worker., and a successful school is the result.

DISTRICT NO. 3—Solomon L. Blanchard, Agent; Olive H. Merrill, Teacher. This District employ the same teacher for the school year of three terms. At my first visit to the Spring term, the order was good. The recitations though not animated were well conducted. At the examination I found the greatest lack was that of carefulness in reading. The two larger classes in Arithmetic appeared to have made good improvement. A class of beginners seemed to have gained a fair knowledge of the ground rules. The Mental Arithmetic class had not done so well. The class in Primary Geography appeared to have made first rate progress. Fair progress was made in the other Geography classes. At the visit made to the fall term the school appeared better. The reading was very good, and the other recitations satisfactory. I think that more attention should be paid to writing in this school than there has been in the past. During the Spring term only three scholars practiced writing. I did not think it necessary to visit this school twice each term, and intended to visit the winter term at the close. But the teacher's letter notifying me of the close of the school failed to reach me until it was too late, and so I can make no report of that term.

DISTRICT NO. 4—SUMMER TERM. Joseph W. Shaw, Agent; Jessie A. Legrow, Teacher. Miss Legrow is a comparatively inexperienced teacher. At a visit made at the beginning of the school, it appeared to be in a fair condition. The recitations in Arithmetic were creditable and the reading was good. The order was good (as it always is in this school). Here again I was not notified of the close of the school and did not visit it a second time.

WINTER TERM—Helen M. Lawrence, Teacher. This is the district's favorite teacher, and certainly the school always makes good improvement under her care. At my first visit I found every thing moving along smoothly and satisfactorily. At the closing examination, evidences of faithful work on the part of both teacher and pupils were seen. Good improvenient had been made by all the classes examined. The writing books also showed good care and good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 5—SUMMER TERN. Edward Hall, Agent; Helen M. Lawrence, Teacher. The order in this school was good. Fair improvement was made in reading, but a little more animation would have made it still better. Good improvement was made in all the Arithmetic classes, also in Penmanship. This was one of the most successful of our summer schools.

FALL TERM—Fannie Skillin, Teacher. The improvement in some of the Arithmetic classes was not satisfactory, in others considerable progress was made. Good improvement was made by the class in Analysis, and the class in Elementary Grammar gained a fair knowledge of the parts of speech. Had there not been a

lack of sympathy between teacher and pupils, I think more improvement would have been made.

WINTER TERM—Commenced by Miss Emma C. Pittee, and continuecl several weeks. Dissatisfaction arising in the district the school was closed by mutual consent. I was well satisfied with this teacher's class drill, and with the improvement made. The trouble seemed to arise from some injudicious remarks used by the teacher to some of her pupils. After a short vacation the school was re-commenced under the care of Miss Susan C. Prank, a teacher of iarge experience, and when visited a short time ago appeared to be in an excellent condition.

DISTRICT No. 6—P. W. Blanchard, Agent. This District is under the supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT No 7—SPRINGAND FALL TERMS. Nathaniel Merrill, Agent; Mary B. Stevens, Teacher. Miss Stevens is very ambitions to succeed as a teacher, and seizes upon every new method of instruction and puts it into practical use. Good order was maintained throughout both terms. Good improvement was noticed in all the branches studied.

DISTRICT No. 8—SPRINGTERM. Wm. Seabury, Agent; Ellen S. Bracliett, Teacher. This school consisted principally of small scholars, there being twenty in the Primer class. The Reading classes showed that pains had been taken with them, and had made fair improvement. The class in Mental Arithmetic had spent the term upon the multiplication and division tables and had learned them very well. Some of the older scholars had reviewed percentage, proportion and evolution, and understood them very well. The improvement in other branches was fair and the order good.

FALL TERM—Calista A. Preble, Teacher. The District was very fortunate in securing the services of so able and experienced a teacher as this lady. She has taught this school four terms and has always given perfect satisfaction. Good improvement was made in all branches. The oral lessons in History were excellent and very interesting. It is hoped that the services of this lady will be secured for the coming summer.

WINTER TERM—L. P. Sturdivant, Teacher. I have good reasons for believing that this was a successful term of school.

DISTRICT No. 9—SUMMER TERM. James M. Hamilton, Agent; Mrs. R. M. Walker, Teacher. At my examination of this school the younger Reading classes read very correctly. The older classes read too fast and too carelessly. The class in Primary Geography, organized at about the middle of the term, seemed to have gained quite a good knowledge of physical and mathematical geography. The class in the larger geography gained a

good knowledge of the geography of the United States. The class beginning in Grammar made fair improvement. The class in Analysis and Parsing appeared to be quite proficient in those branches. The order was not very good.

FALL TERM—Theresa M. Merrill, Teacher. This was one of the most successful terms of school in town for the year. The teacher was very popular with both parents and pupils. Good improvement was made in all b anches, especially in reading, which had before been sadly neglected. Nothing fancy was attempted, but good, plain, thorough work was the aim of this teacher in every thing. Singing by the school was an interesting feature of the exercises. It is to be hoped that the services of this teacher will be retained in the town during the coming year.

WINTER TERM—Commenced by Mr. A. R. Littlefield, a teacher who has had excellent success in this town and Harpswell. Unfortunately Mr. L. sprained his ancle, and was forced to leave his school, which was completed by Mr. Clinton M. Hamilton. Mr. H. was placed in a hard position. Without experience as a teacher he was placed in charge of the largest school in town, and in a district where he had always attended school. His school appeared even better than could be expected under the circumstances. He maintained good order throughout the term, and the scholars made fair improvement.

DISTRICT No. 10—HOPE ISLAND—WINTER TERM. Henry Horr, Agent, Dora S. Rose, Teacher. This school was held in a private house and consisted of five small scholars. The teacher had never taught before. I visited the school once and it then appeared to be in a fair condition. Two of the children were learning the multiplication table, and one was at work on the ground rules of arithmetic. I have no doubt that the money was well expended.

DISTRICT No. 11—WINTER TERM. Moses *G.* Pettengill, Agent, Lizzie Hamilton, Teacher. This School is also held in a private house, and also had an inexperienced teacher. I visited it once. It then appeared to be doing well and the scholars seemed to be interested. I understand that the school has since been broken up by sickness.

DISTRICT No. 12—Ephraim Morrison, Agent. The scholars in this district attended school in Falmouth.

DISTRICT No. 13—SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS. Wm. S. Blanchard, Agent, Nary E. Osgood, Teacher. This school is quite small in number. When I examined it near the close of the summer term, I found that the first class in Arithmetic had taken up Percentage, Interest and Discount, and had gained a good knowledge of what they had been over. Another class

which had taken up simple numbers had gained a good working knowledge of the ground rules. A class in Mental Arithmetic had learned the multiplication table. The winter term exhibited similar improvement. I believe that this was a successful school.

I have endeavored in my humble way to lay before you a plain statement of the condition of your schools during the past year. I do not claim for them that they have been models of perfection and success.. I do not claim even, that there have been none below the average of schools throughout the country. I have simply taken as hopeful a view of the matter as the circumstances would permit. I might have criticised some of our schools more strongly than I have, but I had no desire to discourage inexperienced teachers by placing them in the position of robbers of our children. Such action would be unjust to them, and would be of no benefit to the schools.

Under the district system, no office in town is of more importance than that of school agent.

Let me urge upon the people the necessity of electing to that office men who are fully awake to the importance of the welfare of our common schools. Let me ask yon to elect to that office, men who take an interest in education, and who care less for a dollar than they do for a few days school. What we need is not so much school, but a better quality of it. We need to retain teachers of known ability longer in the service, instead of changing teachers so often at the risk of having poor schools.

Six weeks of school under the care of a good teacher is of more benefit than twice that number under the care of some person who, having failed in some other business, has taken up teaching from necessity, or from a disinclination to manual labor.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Hilliard's Readers having been in use in this town something like fifteen years, and having made satisfactory arrangements with the publishers of the Franklin Series of Readers, I decided to attempt a change. No compulsion was used in the introduction. The scholars were left free to choose for themselves, and

in every district on the main but one, they decided to take the new books, and even in that one a partial introduction was affected.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The interior of the school-house in district No. 1, has been greatly improved by paint and paper; and the exterior, through the generosity of Mr. Geo. Burnham, has also been painted. It is hoped that a new school-house will be erected in district No. 8, during the coming summer. A new one is sadly needed at all events.

In conclusion, I would say that, such studies as algebra, philosophy, etc., are being crowded into our schools to the neglect of reading, writing and spelling. Let the parents see that this defect is remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. STURDIVANT, Supervisor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

For the Year ending Feb. 20, 1880.

PORTLAND:
WILLIAM N. MARES, PRINTER,
1180.

Selectmen's Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1879.

For State Tax,			$2,051 67
" County Tax,			420 63
" Schools,	$1,300	80	
" Support of Poor,	1,000	00	
" Notes and Interest,	1,600	00	
" Roads and Bridges,	700	00	
" Contingent,	1,000	00	
" Collector's Premium,	126	63	
" Overlay,	178	57	
" Unpaid Highway,	63	94	
" Supplement,	28	14	
			5,998 08
Total Assessment,			$8,470 38

Total Valuation, $550,880.

" No. of Polls, 415.

Poll Tax, $3.00.

Rate of Taxation, 13 mills on a dollar.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid C. B. Lakin, board of Eaton, Bryan, Jones and Sweetsir,	$109 20
" Sarah Hamilton, supplies furnished Jane Webber,	4 00
" S. S. Rich & Son, coffin and robe for Leander Packard,	14 50
" E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
" Mrs. W. Titcomb, board of Oliver Titcomb,	32 00
" " " clothing for " "	1 00
" B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	16 00
" Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	32 00
" City of Portland, supplies for A. Holmberg,	28 50
" Morse & Bunce, coffin for L. S. Treen,	11 00
" E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
" David Goodenow, digging grave for L. S. Treen,	3 00
" C. B. Lakin, board of Eaton, Jones and Bryan,	88 05
" Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	24 00
" B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	14 00

Paid	Mrs. W. Titcomb, board and clothing for Olive Titcomb,	46 00
"	A. M. Small, board of Abbie Perry,	20 00
"	E. B. Shaw, board and clothing for Rufus Stubbs,	44 00
"	C. B. Lakin, board of Eaton, Jones, Bryan and Sweetsir,	137 01
"	M. W. Hall, attendance on Maggie O'Brien,	7 00
"	Levi Lufkin, railroad tickets for Vincent Meserve and wife,	7 00
"	Sarah Hamilton, board and nursing Jane Webber,	40 00
"	S. S. Hamilton, making grave for Jane Webber,	2 00
"	S. S. Rich & Son, coffin and robe " LC	17 00
"	A. M. Small, board and nursing Abbie Perry,	36 00
"	C. B. Lakin, board of Eaton, Jones, Bryan and Sweetsir,	106 42
"	E. B. Shaw, board of R. Stubbs,	39 00
"	A. M. Small, board of Abbie Perry,	7 85
"	J. W. Mountfort, removal of Abbie Perry to Providence,	10 00
"	William T. Littlefield, wood furnished Lydia Johnson,	6 25
"	B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	23 00
"	Dr. C. T. Moulton, attendance on Abbie Perry,	70 00
		$1,073 78
	Sum raised by town,	1,000 00
	Balance against town,	$73 78

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid	Portland Savings Bank, interest on $3,000 note,	$90 00
"	Wm. M. Merrill, int. on $1,000 and $250 notes,	75 00
"	Portland Savings Bank, interest on $3,000 note,	90 00
"	Treas. Cumb. school fund, int. on town note,	52 60
"	Trustees Greely Institute, bal. int. due 1878,	124 00
"	Trustees Greely Institute, interest on town notes of $12,000, $6,000, $2,000, $500 and $300,	$1,248 00
		$1,679 62
	Amount raised by town,	1,600 00
	Balance against town,	$79 62

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	D. H. Mountfort, bridge plank.	$ 7 92
"	A. Rideout, bridge stringers, etc.,	5 25
"	Eben Kulet, bridge plank,	1 10
"	G. W. Morrill, repairs on bridge,	5 71
"	O. A. Mountfort, bridge plank,	6 72
"	J. L. Craig, " "	13 46
"	Eben Hulit, labor on culvert,	3 00
"	Hollis Doughty, building over three culverts,	51 38
"	Eben Hulit, building bridge,	120 00
"	C. A. Merrill, bridge plank,	3 68
"	A. H. Farris, labor on culvert,	7 50
"	T. C. Hawks, labor blasting,	48 00
"	E. Corey & Co., steel for drills,	3 45
"	Wm. Moxcy, labor on Store hill,	27 50
"	Geo. S. Doughty, " " "	27 50
"	J. R. Duran, " " "	16 25
"	F. N. Doughty, " " "	26 25
"	Simeon Jones, " " "	23 75
"	Alfred Russell, labor on Store hill,	23 75
"	A. H. Strout, "	13 75
"	B. F. Doughty, "	35 00
"	Asa Merrill, board of T. C. Hawkes,	13 20
"	Hollis Doughty, labor on Store hill,	31 50
"	L. D. Wells, sharpening drills,	4 80
"	N. M. Perkins & Co., powder and fuse,	27 50
"	E. S. W. Jones, labor on road, stringers, etc.,	12 40
"	J. E. Dunn, supplies for work on Store hill,	1 92
"	Sturdivant Bros., bridge stringers and railings,	3 50
"	M. W. Pearson, labor on culvert, etc.,	5 25
"	George Abbott, labor on highway,	12 01
"	J. Morrill, bridge plank,	13 20
"	Leighton & Wilson, bridge plank,	1 51
"	N. M. Shaw, bridge stringers,	4 00
"	Wm. M. Merrill, bridge plank,	9 93
"	Wm. P. Gurney, 400 feet drain pipe,	8 80
"	N. M. Shaw, labor putting in drain pipes,	15 26
"	E. G. Reed, bridge stringers, sharpening drills, etc.,	10 50
"	E. T. Hall, bridge stringers, plank, etc.,	9 37
		$655 57
	Amount raised by town,	700 00
	Balance in favor of town,	$ 44 43

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid L. P. Sturtevant, making and acknowledging tax deeds,	$10	05
" S. M. Brackett, breaking snow for 1878,	18	70
" Hans P. Brile, " " " "	3	00
" E. S. W. Jones, labor on highway, "	12	67
" A. S. Sweetsir, services as town clerk, 1878,	12	00
" A. M. Small, labor on highway, "	14	70
" George Abbott, " " "	20	26
" J. W. Shaw, damage to plow, "	1	00
" Fred P. Blanchard, labor on highway, "	17	92
" E. D. Merrill, breaking snow,	1	52
" A. S. Sweetsir, services at town meeting, 1878,	2	00
" L. H. Merrill, " as auditor,	6	00
" John A. Hamilton," constable 1877 & 1878,	4	50
" Wm. Russell, breaking snow, 1878,	4	83
" Wm. S. Blanchard, labor on highway, 1878,	9	90
" P. M. Leighton, breaking snow, "	3	37
" Sewall Whitney, " " "	6	79
" Trustees Greeley Institute, money, received from State, in aid of high schools,	500	00
" E. R. Clough, breaking snow, 1878,	3	00
" W. E. Wilson, writing desk for office,	4	25
" Albert Rideout, breaking snow, 1878,	6	30
" S. L. Clough, " " "	2	20
" S. L. Clough, ½ cord wood,	2	50
" Wm. P. York, services as treasurer, 1878,	10	00
" N. Thompson, breaking snow, "	8	40
" W. J. Littlefield, " "	5	42
" Roscoe Hannaford, " "	7	78
" John Hannaford, " "	5	67
" B. Bishop Hannaford, " "	5	84
" Jordan Brown, " "		84
" E. B. Shaw, " "	1	37
" P. A. Merrill, labor on road,	4	05
" Joab Black, services as supt. burying ground, etc.,	4	50
" C. H. Morrill, breaking snow,	29	13
" Joseph Harris,	2	50
" B. Webber, "	22	21
" C. A. R. Webber, "	3	44
" E. Ross, "	2	17
" Dresser, McLellan & Co., books and stationery,	11	70
" F. G. Stevens, recording tax deeds,	3	00
" Dresser, McLellan & Co., val. book,	3	00
" Wm. M. Marks, printing 300 town reports,	12	00
" Eli Russell, breaking snow,	3	50
" O. S. Collins, removing and replacing fence, '78, '79,	3	00
" " labor on highway,		60
" C. E. Herrick, collector's premiums in part for 1877 and '78,	175	00

Paid C. E. Herrick, taxes bid in by town and cost,		72 86
" L. P. Sturdivant, services as moderator,		2 00
" Portland Publishing Co., adv. non resident taxes,		12 00
" Hollis Doughty, hauling safe from Portland,		1 00
" F. O. Bailey & Co., one safe,		98 00
" Wm. M. Merrill, breaking snow,		3 80
" S. L. Clough, one half cord wood,		2 50
" L. P. Sturdivant, services as Supervisor of schools,		68 13
" Blanchard Bros., stationary, &c.,		1 77
" William T. Littlefield, breaking snow,		4 90
" A. R. Littlefield, services as selectman,		28 85
" Alvin Leighton, breaking snow,		60
" G. M. Farwell, attending funerals in town,		9 00
" A. S. Sweetsir, services as town clerk,		13 00
" O. S. Thomes, " treasurer,		30 00
" S. T. Merrill, breaking snow,		82
" Levi Lufkin, services as constable,		20 00
" A. Leighton, premium for collecting tax,		70 00
" N. M. Shaw, services as selectman,		96 20
" Hollis Doughty "		75 00
" O. S. Thomes, non resident taxesretnrned,		97 57
" Butler & Libby, legal advice,		32 00
		$1,732 58
Amount raised by town,	$1,000	
Received from State,	500	
		$1,500 00
Balance against town,		$6232 58

TAXES ABATED, 1879.

Abated on lists of C. E. Herrick, by vote of town, tax of 1877,				$24 72
" " " " 1878,				6 45
" on tax of 1879 by selectmen,				4 55
				$35 72
Amount assessed for Poor,	$1,000 00	Exp'd,	$1,073 78	
" " " notes and int.,	1,600 00	"	1,679 62	
" " " roads, bridges,	700 00	"	655 57	
" " " contingent,	1,000 00	"	1,732 58	
" " " collect's prem.,	126 63	"		
" " " overlay,	178 57	"		
Highway deficiencies for 1878,	63 94	"		
Supplement,	28 14	"		
	$4,697 28	Exp'd,	$5,141 55	
Amount received from State,	500 00	Abat's,	35 72	
	$5,197 28		$5,177 27	
	5,177 27			

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	$ 1,250 00
" Greely Institute,	20,800 00
" Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
" Portland Savings Bank,	3,000 00
Balance due school districts,	1,222 55
Outstanding bills, including Collector's premium due, estimated,	300 00
Town orders outstanding,	634 58
Liabilities,	$28,084 13

AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer, as per his report,	$6,150 54
Due from individual tax, bid in by town,	290 68
" State mill tax,	634 63
" " School Fund,	275 17
" " Railroad Tax,	8 00
" John Jones bank book in Treasurer's hand,	140 43
Note and interest secured by mortgage deed,	688 78
Availabilities,	$8,188 23
Balance against town,	$619,895 90

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. SHAW,
HOLLIS DOUGHTY,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD,
Selectmen of Cumberland.

CUMBERLAND, Feb. 23,1880.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LOUVILLE H. MERRILL, *Auditor.*

Report of the Trustees of Greely Institute.

The spring term of school commenced March 3d; number of pupils, 64; D. B. Fuller, A. M., principal, Miss Clara A. Wilson, preceptress, and continued ten weeks.

The fall term commenced September 1st, with the same principal and preceptress, and Mr. S. K. Hitchins, teacher of natural sciences, and continued twelve weeks. Number of pupils, 61.

The winter term commenced December 8th, with the same teachers as the previous term, and continued eleven weeks; number of pupils, 60.

Spring term will begin March 8th.

PERMANENT FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$12,000 00
" " " "	6,000 00
" " " "	2,000 00
Total,	$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For amount of town of Cumberland note,		$300 00
" " cash on hand,		11 51
" " one year's interest on note,		18 00
		$329 51
Paid F. T. Meagher & Co., as per bill,	1 35	
" S. K. Hitchins, chemicals,	6 65	
" " " "	5 20	
Cash to balance,	16 31	
		$29 51
Town of Cumberland note,		$300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	$499 17
" May and November dividends,	22 69
Amount in Bank, February 20,1880,	$521 86

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$500 00
" Amount in Portland Savings Bank,	314 05
" Amount due on tuition book,	151 50
Cash balance,	222 60
Total accumulated,	$1,188 15

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid W. E. Wilson, repairs on school room,	$ 2 00
" John Blanchard, wood,	2 50
" Blanchard Brothers, as per bill,	8 81
" A. S. Noyes, printing bill heads,	60
" deposits in Portland Savings Bank,	175 00
" Wm. M. Marks, printing reports,	4 00
" Loring, Short & Harmon, desk books,	5 07
" C. H. Blanchard, as per bill,	3 11
" C. D. Prince, making catalogue of library,	3 50
" " " " " philosophical apparatus,	1 50
" D. B. Fuller, salary spring term,	200 00
" " " bill of books for desk,	19 84
" Miss Clara A. Wilson, teaching spring term,	90 00
" R. H. Blanchard, care of building, etc.,	21 70
" C. K. Hawes, note and interest,	107 05
" L. & L. F. Walker, 10 tons of coal,	45 00
" M. C. Milliken, tuning piano,	3 00
" Portland Publishing Co., advertising,	13 49
" Transcript Printing Co.,	2 88
" C. A. Wilson, teaching fall term,	120 00
" S. K. Hitchings, " " "	60 00
" D. B. Fuller, " " "	309 00
" " " desk books,	9 60
" Hollis Doughty, hauling coal,	15 00
" Blanchard Brothers, as per bill,	11 32
" George H. Wyman, care of building,	15 00

Paid Eastern Argus, advertising,	7 50
" A. N. Noyes & Son, stove and stove pipe,	6 00
" Tucker Printing House, printing circulars, etc.,	7 25
" S. L. Clough, 1 cord wood,	5 00
" S. K. Hitchins, teaching winter term,	88 00
" D. B. Fuller, " " "	283 33
" " " desk books,	4 60
" Miss C. A. Wilson, teaching winter term,	110 00
" H. J. Allen, care of building, etc.,	16 50
" A. P. Welch, printing,	1 25
" N. M. Shaw, services as trustee,	7 00
	$1,785 40
Cash balance (in Portland Savings Bank),	222 60
	$2,008 00

By cash, O. S. Thomes, town treasurer (State aid),	$500 00
" tuition, winter term,	10 00
" " spring "	58 00
" " fall "	46 00
" use of piano,	1 00
" balance of interest on $6,000 note, due 1878,	124 00
" interest on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000 and $500 notes,	1,230 00
" tuitions,	39 00
	$2,008 00

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. SHAW,
HOLLIS DOUGHTY,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD,
Trustees of Greely Institute.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the trustees of Greely Institute, for the year ending February 20th, 1880, and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LOUVILLE H. MERRILL.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in treasury, March, 1879,	$5,611 48
Assessor's commitments of taxes, 1879,	5,998 08
Received from State for schools,	936 26
" " " in aid of high school,	296 00
" " Cumberland school fund,,	102 62
" " D. R. Allen, administrator,	8 47
" for tax deeds redeemed,	132 31
" as interest and charges on non-resident taxes,	9 20
" on non-resident taxes of 1878,	97 57
" from Chas. E. Herrick to make good the accounts of the former treasurer, as per report of last year,	150 00
	$13,341 99
Paid out on town orders,	7,191 45
Balance due town,	$6,150 54

Due from Chas. E. Herrick, collector,	$65,199 18
" " Alvin Leighton, " 1876,	339 88
" " non-residents, 1877 tax,	84 27
" " " 1878 tax,	82 03
" " Savings Bank, State aid for high school,	296 00
Cash in treasury,	149 18
	$6,150 54

O. S. THOMES, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the treasurer's account for the year ending February 20th, 1880, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

LOUVILLE H. MERRILL, *Auditor.*

School Report.

Fellow Citizens:

Another year with its hopes and its fears, its successes and its failures, has fled into the past, and we are brought face to face with the duties and responsibilities of a new year.

And it is well for us before entering upon those duties and responsibilities, to look back over the year that has gone, and see wherein we have succeeded and wherein we have failed, and shape our plans for the future by the lessons of the past. It will be necessary to show first, what our educational resources have been, and how the money received from State and town has been apportioned among the several districts.

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town,	$1,300 80
" received from Town Fund,	102 62
" " " State Mill Tax,	634 63
" " " " School Fund,	275 17
Total for Schools,	$2,313 22

APPORTIONMENT.

No. Dist,	No. of Schol.	15 Per Ct.	Total.	No. Dist,	No. of Schol	15 Per Ct.	Total.
1	32	$35 71	$140 99	8	110	$10 00	$371 90
2	54	41 32	218 98	9	127	—	417 83
3	76	—	250 04	10	5	20 00	36 45
4	44	53 00	197 76	11	7	25 00	48 03
5	42	57 00	195 18	12	5	8 55	25 00
6	6	26 22	45 96	13	31	39 00	140 99
7	50	30 00	194 50				
Territory not belonging to any district, contains 9 scholars.							29 69

Mr. Littlefield one of the assessors, made a return of 9 scholars in territory not included in any district, and money was appropriated to them, as is shown above. These scholars are children residing upon Stave, Bates and Ministerial Islands. Two of them have attended school in district No. 8, during the Winter term, and I am informed that one has attended school in Yarmouth. It would seem right that their tuition in those schools should be paid out of the funds apportioned to them.

A Mr. Chadwick residing upon Stave Island offered to teach the scholars upon the three Islands for the sum apportioned to them, and a paper signed by the parents, stating that they were willing that the money should be so expended was received but before any arrangements were made, Mr. Chadwick suddenly dropped the correspondence, and the money will have to lay over until another year. It is desirable that some provision for the edncation of these children should be made, as I am informed that some of them have arrived at the age of fifteen years without seeing the inside of a school-room. I would recommend that my successor in office make some arrangement for their benefit.

To give my opinion upon the merits of the different terms of schools held in this town during the past year, is my duty to-day, and I shall proceed to perform that duty, first stating it to be my opinion that had the methods of instruction and government of all our teachers been as judicious as their intentions were good, all of our schools would have been highly successful. I shall depart from my usual custom of making an extended report of each school, and discussing the peculiar qualifications of each teacher, and shall divide the schools according to their merits, into three classes, as follows :

First Class.—Those schools in which the improvement in all branches has been good, the instruction thorough, and the discip - line satisfactory, I shall place in the first class.

Second Class.—Those schools in which the improvement in the most important branches has been good, or fair, the instruction satisfactory, and the discipline good or indifferent, I shall place iu the second class.

Third Class.—Those schools in which the improvement has not been what it should be, the instruction not thorough enough, and the discipline indifferent or lax, I shall place in the third class. In this class must necessarily be found, several of the schools taught by young or inexperienced teachers. Nearly all of our third class teachers have shown talent for the work, making fair improvement in one or more branches. I have no doubt that all of them will in time become first class teachers. Let none be discouraged by a lack of success in the first attempt.

SCHOOLS OF THE FIRST CLASS.

No. of Dist.	NAME OF AGENT.	Term of school.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. Schools taught before.	Length of school in weeks.	No. scholars attending.	Average No	Wages of teachers including board.	Price of board per week.
1	Joseph W. Starling,	Winter,	Margaret W. Furlong,	—	10	12	—	$12 00 pr. wk.	
2	Wm. D. Greeley,	Summer,	Alma M. Brackett,	13	10	26	23	6 00 "	$2 00
2	Wm. D. Greeley,	Winter,	E. K. Sweetsir,	4	14	34	319-17	35 00 pr. mo.	3 00
4	Joseph W. Shaw,	Winter,	*Mellie H. McCollister,	23	n't c'd	43	31	9 75 pr. wk.	2 75
6	Eli Russell,	Fall,	Annie M. Pulsifer,	10	7	27	22	6 00 "	2 00
5	Eli Russell,	Winter,	Annie M. Pulsifer,	—	12	32	26	8 00 "	2 00
7	Edward Butler,	Spring,	*Addie F. Norton,	19	10	24	18	7 50 "	2 50
7	Edward Butler,	Fall,		20	12 3-5	23	18		2 50
8	Wm. Seabury,	Fall,	Calista A. Preble.	26	8	54	48	8 75 "	2 75
8		Winter,	Ammi R. Littlefield,	7	14	67	493-10	54 00 pr. mo.	—
9	Rufus A. Soule,	Spring,	*Annie M. Verrill,	5	11	72	61	9 25 pr. wk.	2 75
9	Rufus A. Soule,	Fall,	*Annie M. Verrill,	6	11	76	64	9 75 "	2 75

* Graduate of Farmington Normal School.

The winter term in District No. 9 was commenced by Mr. F. A. Allen, of Auburn. Mr. A. being unwell he was forced to leave the school, and Mr. Mayall M. Littlefield was employed to complete the term, which is now in progress. I have no doubt that this school, taken as a whole, was a successful one and should be placed in this class.

SCHOOLS OF THE SECOND CLASS.

No. of Dist.	NAME OF AGENT.	Term of School.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No Schools taught before.	Length of school in weeks.	No. scholars attending.	Average No.	Wages of teacher including board.	Price of board per week.
1	Joseph W. Starling,	Summer,	Margie Enowlcs,	none.	9	9	8	$4 75 pr. wk.	$2 00
3	Amos J. Osgood,	Spring,	Mary E. Osgood,	4	11	30	2429-1	8 00 "	2 00
4	Joseph W. Shaw,	Fall,	Ardelia Whitney,	2	8	40	37 9-40	5 50 "	2 25
5	Eli Russell,	Spring,	Ida Wilson,	none.	8	29	24	4 00 "	——
8	Wm. Seabury,	Spring,	*Mary A. Reed,	3	8	57	43	8 00 "	2 75
10	Henry Horr, (Hope Island)	Winter,	Dora S. Rose,	1	10	5	5	3 60 "	1 60
11	J. H. Pettengill, (CrotchI'd)	Winter,	James F. Mansfield,	none.	12	4	3	19 00 pr. mo.	2 50
13	Albert Blanchard,	Winter,	Qardner Leighton,	1	10	16	12½	31 00 "	2 75

* Has spent one year at the Normal School in Bridgewater, Mass.

The schools on Crotch and Hope Islands were visited but once, and as they appeared to be doing nicely then, I have placed them in this class.

SCHOOLS OF THE THIRD CLASS.

No. of Dist.	NAME OF AGENT.	Term of	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. Schools taught before.	Length of school in weeks.	No. scholars attending.	Average No.	Wages of teacher including board.	Price of board per week.
3	Amos J. Osgood,	Fall,	Lizzie M. Dillingham,	3	11	32	28	$7 00 pr. wk.	——
3	Amos J. Osgood,	Winter,		4	9	33	24	7 00 "	——
4	Joseph W. Shaw,	Spring,	Alice M. Sawyer,	none.	7 3-11	26	22	4 00 "	2 00
13	Alvin Blanchard,	Summer,	Ardelia Whitney,	1	8	14	12 1-40	4 50 "	2 00

The winter term in District No. 1 commenced under the tuition of an inexperienced teacher from the town of Deering. The school not proving profitable the teacher withdrew and the term was completed by the teacher mentioned in table first.

The law requires that the supervisor or school-committee, besides reporting the condition and progress of the schools, shall report upon the success attending the various methods of instruction. In the summer term in District No. 1, Miss Knowles employed the following method with good success: In teaching very small scholars to add, subtract and multiply, a handful of small sticks shaped for the purpose, were used. The teacher would take a few in each hand, and the children would then tell how many were in each hand, and how many were in both, and one of the class would write the numbers on the board as they were called, and then write the sum. The method was varied for subtraction and multiplication, and was very successful. In the summer term in District No. 2, Miss Brackett gave her scholars questions in History and other branches not studied in her school, and required them to answer them orally. Miss B. offered a Roll of Honor to those who were not absent one half-clay during the term. This was printed on a handsome card, and given to each scholar whose name was on the card.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Susie L. Purington,	Adelbert I. Greely.
Etta M. Strout,	Bennie L. Jones,
Bion Jones,	Stephen J. Anderson,

Gardner L. Sturtevant.

Mr. Sweetsir, teacher of the winter term in the same district gave his school oral lessons in the science of government, which were of great value. Miss Norton, in Dist. No. 7, gave her scholars lessons in Elementary Geometry, using bits of pasteboard cut into Geometrical figures. I insert these methods into the report for the benefit of our young teachers, or those who intend to teach during the coming summer. It will be seen by the tables that four of our teachers have had the benefit of Normal training. They have been among our most successful teachers. I had been led by the lavish praise bestowed upon our Normal schools by prominent educators, to expect entirely different methods from our normal teachers, but they seem to use much the same methods as our other good teachers. In fact they inform me that it is not in mixed schools that Normal methods can best be employed.

In conclusion let me renew my annual protest against the employment of so many inexperienced teachers in our summer schools. Our scholars between the ages of four and twelve years need more scientific teachers than those between twelve and twenty. They need teachers who can draw them out and make the school interesting to them, while older scholars who can appreciate the benefits of an education do not need so many inducements to study.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. STURDIVANT,

Supervisor of Schools.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

For the Fiscal Year ending Feb. 22, 1881.

PORTLAND:
PRINTED BY WILLIAM M. MARKS.
1881.

Selectmen's Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1880.

For State Tax,		$2,563 59
" County Tax,		581 28
" Schools,	$1,300 80	
" Support of Poor,	850 00	
" Notes and Interest,	1,600 00	
" Roads and Bridges,	300 00	
" Contingent,	1,500 00	
" Collector's Premium,	133 96	
" 'Unpaid Highway,	38 65	
" Overlay,	62 49	
" Supplement,	30 60	
		$5,816 50
Total Assessment,		$8,961 37

Total Valuation, $549,480.
" No. of Polls, 410.
Poll Tax, $3.00.
Rate of Taxation, 14 mills on a dollar.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Hamilton & Co., supplies furnished Jane Webber,	$ 2 92
" Mrs. W. Titcomb, board and clothing, Olive Titcomb,	46 00
" A. F. Drinkwater, keeping 14 tramps, 1879,	7 00
" James F. Latham, supplies for Jane Field,	6 00
" Insane Hospital, board of Bryan, Jones, Eaton and Sweetser,	112 83
" Mary J. Merrill, care of Abbie Perry,	14 00
" E. B. Sham, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
" Mary Pride, care of Abbie Perry,	16 00
" Mrs. S. Harding, care of Abbie Perry,	27 25
" H. G. Parkman, express on Abbie Perry's trunk,	90
" Insane Hospital, board of Bryan, Jones, Eaton and Sweetser,	106 13

Paid E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
" Susan Harding, board of Abbie Perry,	8	40
" Mrs. W. Titcomb, " Olive Titcomb,	42	00
" H. E. Poole, " Anna A. Merrill,	24	00
" S. E. C. Young, care of Mrs. Hiller,	55	00
" S. D. Hanscom, board of Abbie Perry,	30	00
" Overseers of Poor, expense to Alfred and Waterboro',	6	55
" Insane Hospital, board of Bryan, Jones, Eaton and Sweetser,	112	10
" City of Portland, care of Gilbert Doughty,	24	50
" E. B. Shaw, " Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
" H. E. Poole, " Anna A. Merrill,	39	00
" B. J. Thompson, " Eetsey Hamilton,	34	00
" S. D. Hanscom, " Abbie Perry,	33	71
" C. T. Moulton, M. D., attendance on Abbie Perry,	68	50
" Mrs. W. Titcomb, board and clothing, Olive Titcomb,	40	00
" Mrs. L. Hall, care of Mrs. Hiller,	15	00
" S. D. Hanscom, care of Abbie Perry,	36	90
" Mrs. L. Hall, " Mrs. Hiller,	5	00
" Insane Hospital, board of Bryan, Jones, Eaton and Sweetser,	106	95
" E. B. Shaw, board and clothing of R. Stubbs,	49	47
" A. M. Small, board of Abbie Perry,	15	00
" H. E. Poole, " Anna A. Merrill,	39	00
" Dr. Dolley, attendance of Abbie Perry,	4	50
" A. M. Small, care of "	9	00
" N. M. Shaw, medicine furnished Mrs. Hiller,	3	20
" Blanchard Bros., supplies furnished H. Farwell,	4	63
	$1,262	44
Amount raised by town,	850	00
Balance against town,	$412	44

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid Portland Savings Bank, interest on town note,	$90	00
" Wm. M. Merrill, " "	75	00
" Trustees Greely Institute, 1-2 years int. on notes,	624	00
" Portland Savings Bank, interest on town notee,	90	00
" Trustees Greely Institute, 1-2 years int. on notes,	624	00
" Tr. Cumberland School Fund, int. on note,	52	62
	$1,555	62
Amount raised by town,	1,600	00
Balance in favor of town,	$44	38

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Joseph Sawyer, labor on highway,	*$5 25*
" C. E. Herrick, " "	6 00
" H. R. Mountfort, bridge plank,	11 63
" C. *A.* Merrill, "	11 43
" heirs of *G.* Thurston, labor on highway,	10 06
" Jacob Merrill, " "	12 25
" E. G. Prince, stone for bridge,	28 42
" Daniel Shaw, digging drain,	12 00
" S. Winch, "	12 00
" A. B. Stevenson, fall for derrick,	6 38
" N. M. Shaw, labor on, and material for culvert,	6 37
" Samuel Libby, " culvert,	2 25
" Eben Hulit, " bridge, etc.,	20 12
" Alvin Frank, " "	9 00
" A. H. Farris, " "	10 00
" Berlin Mills Co, bridge plank,	11 38
" Simeon Jones, labor on bridge,	7 50
" J. R. Duran, " "	9 00
" F. N. Doughty, " "	9 00
" G. S. Doughty, " "	5 25
" H. Doughty, " "	9 75
" A. M. Small, " "	14 48
" M. *W.* Pearson, bridge stringers, etc.,	7 25
" David Allen, labor on bridge, etc.,	18 50
" John Hicks, bridge plank,	3 27
" E. G. Reed, mudsills, etc.,	5 25
" J. Morrill, hauling bridge plank,	3 00
" Eben Hulit, labor on bridge,	1 50
" N. M. Shaw, mast for derrick,	1 00
	$269 29
Amount raised by town,	
Balance in favor of town,	*$30 71*

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Leonard Flint, breaking snow.	6	90
" L. H. Merrill, services as auditor,	3	00
" A. S. Sweetser, " clerk,	2	00
" C. H. Morrill, breaking snow,	9	00
" S. B. Clough, superintendent of burying ground for 1877–78–79,	7	00
" Joab Black, superintendent of burying ground,	3	03
" Wm. M. Marks, printing town reports,	13	60
" C. E. Herrick, collector's premium in part, for 1878–79,	100	00
" N. Thompson, breaking snow,	7	17
" John A. Hamilton, service as constable, 1879,	3	00
" J. L. Curit, breaking snow,	2	62
" R. E. Hamilton, labor on road,	7	85
" George M. Farwell, attending funeral and repairs on hearse,	2	00
" E. B. Shaw, breaking snow and damage to plow,	2	72
" F. G. Stevens, recording 11 tax deeds,	5	50
" Trustees Greely Institute, money received from State in aid of Free High Schools,	298	96
" L. D. Farwell, breaking snow,	7	47
" Dresser, McLellan & Co., books and stationery,	13	25
" C. H. Blanchard, damages received on highway,	500	00
" Dresser, McLellan & Co., one order book,	2	50
" C. E. Herrick, resident taxes sold,	59	33
" " " making and acknowledging tax deeds,		80
" Portland Publishing Co., adv. non-resident taxes,	35	00
" E. R. Clough, breaking snow,	2	50
" Moses Haskell, "	1	75
" Wm. E. Wilson, labor on burying ground fence, etc.,	4	00
" Legrow Bros., lumber for "	12	00
" Hollis Doughty, labor on "	5	75
" Selectmen, expenses to Augusta,	8	50
" I. W. Morrison, breaking snow,	4	70
" Howard & Cleaves, legal advice, 1877,	8	00
" C. F. Libby, legal advice,	50	00
" O. S. Thomes, interest and charges on tax deeds,	20	79
" " making and acknowledging 19 non-resident tax deeds,	12	73
" Clarence Hale, guar. pension of minor child of Wm. Johnson,	36	00
" L. & L. F. Walker, posts for burying ground fence, etc.,	5	61

Paid D. L. Blanchard, services as town clerk,		9 65
" " recording births and deaths,		15 92
" Heirs of A. S. Sweetser, services as town clerk,		3 45
" S, L. Clough, one-half cord wood,		3 00
" Blanchard Bros., postage, stationery, etc.,		4 04
" O. S. Thomes, services as treasurer,		30 00
" E. K. Sweetser, " supervisor of schools,		61 90
" N. M. Shaw, services as selectman, etc.,		85 25
" Hollis Doughty, " "		72 95
" S. Porter, " as constable,		23 50
" Joseph Sawyer, labor on highway,		8 20
		$1,577 76
Amount raised by town,	$1,500 00	
Received from State,	298 96	
		$1,798 96
Balance in favor of town,		$221 20

TAXES ABATED, 1880.

Abated on lists of C. E. Herrick, by selectmen, tax of 1877,	$38 10
" 1878,	54 15
" 1879,	57 40
	$149 65

SUMMARY.

Amount assessed for poor,	$ 850 00	exp'd,	$1,262 44
" " notes and int.,	1,600 00	"	1,555 62
" roads and bridges,	300 00	"	269 29
" " contingent,	1,500 00	"	1,577 76
" " collector's prem.,	133 96	"	
" " overlay,	62 49,	"	
Highway deficiencies, 1879,	38 65	"	
Supplement,	30 60	"	
	$4,515 70	exp'd	$4,665 11
Amount received from State,	298 96	abat's,	149 65
	$4,814 66		$4,814 76
			4,814 66
Balance against town,			10

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	$ 1,250 00
" Greely Institute,	20,800 00
" Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
" Portland Savings Bank,	3,000 00
Balance due school districts,	645 54
Outstanding bills, eatimated,	350 00
Town orders outstanding,	495 95
	$27,418 49

AQAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer as per his report,	$5,764 43
Duo from individual tax, bid in by town,	269 59
" State mill tax,	591 74
" School Fund,	235 39
" John Jones, bank book in Treasurer's hands,	146 01
" Note and interest secured by mortgage deed,	595 55
Am:!abilities,	$7,602 71
Balance against town,	$19,815 78

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. SHAW,
HOLLIS DOUGHTY, } *Selectmen of Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LOUVILLE H. MERRILL, Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in treasury, March, 1880,		$6,150 54
Assessor's commitments of taxes, 1880,		5,816 50
Received from State for schools,		924 45
" " " in aid of Free High School,		250 00
" " " railroad tax of 1878,		8 00
" " " reimbursement for pension,		36 00
" " Cumberland School Fund,		102 62
" for tax deeds redeemed,		86 91
" as interest and charges on non-resident taxes redeemed,		31 71
" as interest on State aid for High School,		2 96
" as discount on Butler & Libby's bill,		2 00
" on mortgage note of Mary J. Smeetser,		130 00
		$13,541 69
Paid out on town orders,		7,777 26
Balance due town,		$5,764 43
Due from J. A. Blanchard, collector,	$4,060 50	
" Chas. E. Herrick, "	776 59	
" Alvin Leighton, "	319 88	
" non-residents, 1877, tax,	14 91	
" " 1878, "	25 09	
" " 1879, "	54 34	
" Savings B'nk, State aid for High School,	250 00	
Cash in treasury,	263 12	
		$5,764 43

O. S. THOMES, *Treasurer of Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I hare examined the Treasurer's account for the year ending Feb. 22, 1881, and find it correctly cast, and properly vouched.

LOUVILLE H. MERRILL, ***Auditor.***

REPORT
OF THE
Trustees of Greely Institute.

The Spring Term of School commenced March 8th, under the continued charge of D. B. Fuller, A. M., Principal, Miss Clara A. Wilson, Preceptress, and Mr. S. K. Etchings, teacher of Natural Sciences, and continued ten weeks. Number of pupils, 61.

The Fall Term commenced August 30th, with the same teachers, and continued twelve weeks. Number of pupils, 60.

The Winter Term commenced December 6th, with the same teachers as at the previous terms, and continued eleven weeks. Number of pupils, 57.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	$12,000
" " " "	6,000
" " " "	2,000
Total,	$20,000

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For amount of town of Cumberland note,		8300 00
" " cash on hand,		16 31
" " one year's interest on note,		18 00
		$334 31
Paid S. K. Hitchings, philosophical apparatus,	$12 50	
" " chemicals,	20 07	
Cash to balance,	1 74	
		34 31
Town of Cumberland note,		$300 00

LIBRARY PUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	*521 86*
" May and November dividends,	23 71
Amount in bank, Feb. 22,1881,	$545 57

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$500 00
" Amount in Portland Savings Bank,	2 55
" " due on tuition boot,	151 50
Cash balance in Portland Savings Bank,	99 92
Total accumulated,	$753 97

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid Wm. M. Marks, printing reports,	$4 00
" W. W. Hilton, repairing clock,	2 00
" Miss C. A. Wilson, teaching spring term,	100 00
" D. B. Fuller, " "	257 57
" " desk books,	8 85
" S. K. Hitchings, teaching spring term,	80 00
" D. Carigan, 27 stands,	2 70
" A. S. Noyes, ci culars,	1 50
" Geo. H. Wyman, care of building,	18 00
" C. H. Blanchard, as per bill,	11 19
" C. K. Rawes, note and interest,	113 05
" S. H. & A. R. Doten, lumber for floor,	94 94
" N. M. Perkins, nails,	4 60
" W. E. Wilson, brackets, etc.,	10 80
" Portland Transcript Co., advertising,	2 39
" S. K. Hitchings, trays,	3 00
" D. B. Fuller, teaching fall term,	309 00
" " desk books,	7 95
" S. K. Hitchings, teaching fall term,	127 27
" Miss C. A. Wilson, " "	120 00
" L. & L. F. Walker, 10 tons coal,	57 50
" W. E. Wilson, labor on floor,	27 25
" " " " on cabinet,	12 00
" Hollis Doughty, labor on floor and trucking,	43 00

Paid Geo. H. Wyman, care of building,	18 00
" S. L. Farwell, painting cabinet,	4 75
" S. H. & A. R. Doten, material for cabinet, etc.,	47 37
" C. H. Blanchard, as per bill,	11 65
" S. K. Hitchings, teaching Winter Term,	116 66
" Miss C. A. Wilson, " " "	110 00
" D. B. Fuller, " " "	283 33
" " " " desk books,	4 90
" S. L. Clough, 1-2 cord of wood,	3 00
" Geo. H. Wyman, care of building, etc.,	21 00
" Blanchard Bros., as per bill,	8 98
" Tucker Printing House, catalogues, etc.,	27 00
" N. M. Shaw, services as Trustee,	7 00
	82,882 20
Cash balance in Portland Savings Bank,	99 92
	$2,182 12

By tuitions spring term,	$ 31 50
" Cash from Portland Savings Bank,	150 00
" " O. S. Thomes, town tr. (state aid),	298 96
" " S. L. Farwell, for floor boards,	5 00
" " O. S. Thomes, interest on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000 and $500,	615 00
" " from Portland Savings Bank,	300 08
" " tuitions Fall Term,	33 33
" " from Portland Savings Bank,	100 00
" tuitions winter term,	33 33
" cash, from O. S. Thomes, interest on $12,000, 86,000, $2,000 and $508 notes,	615 00
	$2,182 12

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. SHAW,
HOLLIS DOUGHTY, } *Trustees of Greely Institute.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the trustees of Greely Institute, for the year ending February 20th, 1881, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LOUVILLE H. MERRILL, *Auditor.*

School Report.

In presenting our report for the year ending March 1st, 1881, it may not be over-stepping the line of duty, to bring within its limits, the school at Greely Institute. This school has now been in operation twelve years, and a brief history of its beginning and progress might be of interest and profit, especially to the younger portion of our citizens. But as such has not been called for, it will not be presented at this time. During the year just closed, we have visited the school five times, and although taking but small part in the examinations, every recitation has been carefully noticed. It gives us pleasure to say that, if there has been less show than in some former years, the school, as a whole, has done better work, and made more thorough progress, than in the same time for several years. It would take too much space to speak particularly of all the recitations, but will mention the following:

The class in chemistry did much credit to their teacher, as well as to themselves. The students in the scientific department have been greatly favored in their studies by being under the care of Prof. Hitchings.

The class in English literature gave evidence of careful study and faithful drill. The recitation in English analysis by diagrams was a new and pleasing feature in this school, and showed plainly that a more lively interest was already awakened in this important study.

Another that was especially interesting and satisfactory, was the class in the Latin reader. The examination took up that part of the grammar which we have always found most difficult for beginners; but the answers were prompt and gave good evidence that the subject had been skillfully handled.

We might mention others, but enough has been said to show that much faithful work has been done. The teachers entered upon their duties with the experience of the previous year, and better understood the wants and demands of the school. Another year's experience has fitted them still better for the place, and with the hearty encouragement of the citizens, they will be able to accomplish better results than could be expected from a new board.

In closing, the following questions are suggested:

Are we receiving from this school the greatest possible advantages? Can we, as citizens of the town of Cumberland, do anything to secure better results, and give to the boys and girls of our own town a still better opportunity to obtain a more thoroughly practical education? These questions are respectfully submitted, and it is hoped they will be discussed in town meeting.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The amount of money from all sources, raised and appropriated for these schools the past gear, was $2,230.55. This was distributed as follows:

No. Dist.	School.	Per cent.	Total.	No. Dist.	School.	Per cent.	Total.
1	24	$3000	$11184	7	47	$28 00	$188 27
2	56	35 00	225 96	8	98	——	334 18
3	75	——	265 75	9	119	——	405 79
4	41	55 00	194 81	10	6	25 00	45 46
5	49	3500	21209	11	7	2000	43 87
6	6	25 00	45 46	13	27	30 00	122 07

The remainder was given to No. 12 and the three small islands — Bates, Stave' and Ministerial. You will notice a decrease of twenty-seven in the whole number of scholars. The island of Chebeague returned twenty less than last year.

The amount of money was nearly two hundred dollars less than last year. Having learned what was done with the money, the question naturally arises, what have we received for it? In reply, it is our privilege to say that, in many of our schools, much patient, faithful work has been done, and good results obtained.

But much yet remains to be done before our public schools are brought to that standard of excellence which is the strength and glory of the people. We need to realize more fully that the power and prosperity of a community consists not in its wealth, but in the intelligence and moral purity of the people. What more potent agent for the diffusion of intelligence and morals—for good or evil—than the common school? These must not only be kept up, but raised to the first order. Not only must our teachers and school officers be men and women of education and intelligence, but of the highest moral strength and purity. But teachers must be aided and encouraged. Good tools are as necessary for the school-room as for the carpenter's shop. There should be plenty of black-boards, a good globe, and a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary in every school. In schools where there are many small scholars, a good reading chart will pay for itself every term.

If those districts which stretch out their terms to twelve or thirteen weeks, would spend the cost of the last meek or two, in fitting up and adorning their school rooms, much better results would soon be apparent. Remember it is not a *greater quantity,* but a *better quality* of teaching that is needed. As teachers, let us feel the responsibility of our position, remembering that a few mceks'of careless teaching may cramp and warp a young mind for life, if not for eternity. Let parents remember that they can do much to correct faults and make our schools better. Several of the registers returned this year show a record of more than one hundred instances of tardiness. Absence and tardiness are a bane to any school and should not be allowed. If teachers will *require* and parents freely *give* a written excuse for every instance of absence or tardiness, this great evil will soon grow less. As citizens let us spare no pains and be satisfied with nothing but the best results. Choose the best men for agents, men of broad and unselfish views. who will work for the highest good of the schools. Mere we mould most earnestly recommend to the citizens, that they choose a committee, instead of supervisor. The conditions of our schools and the responsibility of the work to be done, is too great to be intrusted to one man. Situated as we are, with more than one-third of

our scholars on the Islands, much better work can be done. These island schools are an important feature in our town and should be more carefully looked after. Sometimes the presence of a committee in school is of more value than can be estimated by dollars and cents. Then it can be done cheaper, it costs more to go to and from the island—not including the time—than it would cost a man who lived there to do the work. As history had almost dropped out of our schools, an effort was made to introduce it as a reading book, in part, for the advance classes. Four schools formed classes of this kind and the good results already begin to show. History is an ennobling study; cultivates patriotism and reverence. Surely every one should know something of the history of his *own country.* For nearly thirty years the same series of arithmetics had been used in nearly all our schools. An opportunity was given to exchange the old books—many of which were nearly worn out—for new ones, without cost. It was done, and a fair trial cannot fail to bring about more practical results.

The new book combines the written and oral arithmetic so nicely that, if both are taken up faithfully, it will awaken new interest and enable the scholar to do better work, without his pencil, an improvement greatly to be desired in our schools. From the rank of spelling classes that we have seen, a new interest in that branch of study is manifest. As most of the schools have made fair improvement, a slight account of each is given.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Agent, Joseph W. Starling. Summer Term. Teacher, A. M. Sawyer.

This school was very small, the average number of scholars for the summer being not quite seven. Miss S. managed to keep herself and pupils busy, and did faithful work. The order was good, and at our last visit we found the interest had been kept up and much improvement made.

Winter Term. Miss Jennie Dow, graduate from Gorham Normal School. Her work pleased us very much. She is wide-awake and energetic, and the district will be very fortunate if they can secure her continued services.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Agent, Robert D. Anderson. Summer Term. Teacher, Annie E. Brackett.

This was Miss B.'s first school. We knew her as a scholar to be prompt and thorough, and although she labored under the disadvantage of having many for her scholars with whom she had attended school but a few weeks before, still, by her patience and perseverance she did good work. Miss B. possesses many excellent qualities for a teacher, and, in the right place, with a little more animation, will make one of the best.

Winter Term. Frank True.

This is Mr. True's first experience as a teacher. The school has been quite small this winter, averaging about twenty-two. Mr. T. is a worthy young man, and has doubtless tried hard, and some good results were obtained. There was too much going out,, and the order was not satisfactory — too much whispering — but with experience and confidence Mr. T. will do good work.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Agent, Louville H. Merrill.

This school for the past year has been in the hands of E. K. Sweetser. If all has not been accomplished that was hoped, the school is now prepared to advance. There are some fine scholars in this school, as a few more years will show.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Agent, Eben Hulit. Summer Term. Teacher, E. F. Whitney.

The scholars in this school seem to be be bright and quick, but speak so low that it is difficult to hear. Miss W. is quite animated in the school-room, and some of the little girls did finely. The school as a whole was a profitable one.

Winter Term. Mellie McCollister.

This district was very fortunate in securing the same teacher as last winter. Miss McCollister is a teacher of large experience, is quite at home in the school-room, and devoted to her work. The closing examination was very satisfactory, giving evidence of good drill and careful study. A good globe and about three times as

much black-board would be one of the best investments for this district.

District No. 5.

Agent, Hollis Mountfort. Summer Term. Teacher, Ida Wilson.

Miss W. is a fine scholar and a patient worker. She was in her own district, and although her scholars respected and loved their teacher, it was difficult to keep them sufficiently orderly, so that not so good results were secured. There are many good scholars in this district, and at our third visit it was evident that good work had been done and fair improvement made. In another place Miss W. would doubtless do excellent work. A good globe and more blackboard would add very much to the efficiency of this district.

Winter Term, No. 5. Teacher, L. P. Sturdivant.

At our first visit we found the order much improved, and all seemingly interested in their work. The examination at the close of the tenth week was very pleasing and showed thorough drill, especially in arithmetic. After Mr. S. went to Augusta, the remainder of the term was taught by Miss Alma Brackett. We did not visit the school, but have no doubt, from what we have heard, that she sustained her former reputation.

District No. 6.

Under the supervision of Yarmouth.

District No. 7.

Agent, Edmund Merrill. Summer and Pall Terms. Teacher, O. H. Merrill.

It is always best to keep the same teacher through the year, and as much longer as you can, when you have a good one. Miss M. has had much experience in teaching, has a way of her own, is animated and energetic in the school-room. The reading in the first class was distinct, and could be well understood. If the attendance had been better, the gain to the district would have

been greater. Those who were regular in attendance made good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 8—CHEBEAGUE.

Agent, Wm. Seabury. Summer Term. Margaret S. Sturdivant, Miss S. was fresh from Gorham Normal School. She entered upon her work with enthusiasm and soon succeeded in imparting some of the same spirit to her pupils. Her methods of teaching were of the highest order, and showed that she had learned her lessons well. The closing examination was pleasing and satisfactory, proving clearly that skillful training does much to make good teachers.

Fall Term. Teacher, Mrs. Elorett.

This school appeared well at its commencement. The teacher seemed earnest aud conscientious, and some good results must have been secured. It closed sooner than was expected and was not visited at the close.

Winter Term. A. R. Littlefield.

This district is to be congratulated that it could again secure the services of this teacher. There seems to be a perfect understanding between Mr. L. and his pupils and thus good order is easily secured. There are many good scholars here, and all the recitations were very satisfactory. An advanced class in Algebra, showed that the higher branches can be pursued with profit in our common schools. The reading class in history with questions on the Constitution of the U. S. was an interesting feature. The class in small geography did credit to themselves and teacher, in pointing out the situation of places on outline maps of their own drawing.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Agent, C. A. Grannell. Summer Term. Teacher, Dr. S. E. Root.

Here, too, you find some of the best scholars in town. The parents have manifested great interest in their school, and tried to secure the best teachers. They have a large pleasant room,

good globe, outline maps and blackboard. If they will widen the side aisles and extend the blackboard across both sides of the room, it will add to its working power. Dr. R. is a practicing physician, and was called out of school several times. This, with other things prevented this term from being successful.

Fall Term. Teacher, E. A. Mountfort.

One need only step into the ante-room to be assured that Miss M. is a wide-awake teacher. She enjoys her work, has confidence in her ability as a teacher, and has a power over her scholars which few possess. It is needless to say that the order was good, and satisfactory results obtained. We were sorry her services could not be secured for the next term.

Winter Term. Teacher, G. R. Spinney. Mr. S. took this school under some difficulties. His methods of teaching were of the first order; and if the scholars had made up their minds that, as they had a good teacher, they mould have a good school, much better results would have been obtained. Por some reason there was a great want of sympathy between teacher and scholars, so, of course, the order was very deficient, and improvement much less than it should have been.

We assure our friends of this District that we acted according to our best judgment, and with the best interests of their school at heart, in refusing to give the Winter term to Dr. R. Our decision was fully made before we had spoken with any person; so, let us bear all the blame, and by no means allow any disunion of feeling in your hitherto harmonious and prosperous school. As human progress is often the resultant of conflicting forces, we sincerely hope that in this case it will prove a blessing, and not a curse.

Districts Nos. 10 and 11.

We have received no notice of any school on these Islands (Hope—Crotch) and as they belong in part to Portland, perhaps they have been visited by some of its committee. We understand from Mr. Littlefield that there had been a school on Hope Island.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Agent, Joab Black, Jr.

This district sends its scholars to Falmouth. As far as we can learn only two attend any school. This should be looked after.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Agent, Leonard Leighton. Summer and Fall Terms. Mrs. Walton.

This district employed the same teacher for both terms, and thus secured better results than they would have done by a change. We visited the school twice each term, and always found the order good.

Some of the scholars were not well furnished with books, at first, but at our last visit they were better supplied, and the examination showed better improvement than we have before found in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

S. W. Lovell, Agent. Cora E. Harlow, Teacher.

This district includes Stave, Bates and Ministerial islands. The number of scholars returned was eleven. A school was opened Aug. 2, and continued eight weeks. It was visited Aug. **31.** We found Miss H. to be a wide awake young lady, but were sorry to find only two scholars. The others had moved some time before, so that the whole number of scholars in district was only three. Miss H. did good work — under the circumstances — and would have well managed a much larger school.

If, in reviewing these particulars, *all* learn, that however excellent the teacher, but little good can be accomplished in a district where there is disunion, and act accordingly, this report may not be wholly in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. SWEETSER,

Supervisor of Schools.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

ASD

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

For the Fiscal Year ending Feb. 23, 1882.

PORTLAND, ME.:
WILLIAM M. MARKS, PRINTER.
1882.

Selectmen's Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1881.

For State Tax,		$2,508 22
County Tax,		670 90
Schools,	$1,295 20	
Support of Poor,	1,200 00	
Notes and Interest,	2,600 00	
Roads and Bridges,	300 00	
Contingent,	1,000 00	
Collector's Premium,	148 16	
Overlay,	97 18	
Unpaid Highway,	58 18	
Supplement,	22 50	
		$6,721 22
Total assessment,		$9,900 34

Total Valuation, $602.010.

No. of polls, 406.

Boll tax, $2.00.

Rate of taxation 15 mills on a dollar.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid John A. Hamilton, supplies for David Bennett,	$6 00
S. C. Root, medical attendance, "	6 95
A. M. Small, board of Abbie A. Perry,	7 68
Leighton & Wilson, supplies for E. B. Field,	15 08
H. Jenkins, care of Mary Wyman,	39 00
Martha L. Mitchell, nursing Mrs. David Bennett,	23 50
Hamilton & Co, supplies for " "	30 40

Paid B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	$25 00
C. T. Moulton, M. D. medical attendance for Ella J. Whiting,	10 00
" " " for A. A. Perry,	5 50
N. M. Shaw, expense to Lewiston,	4 35
H. E. Pool, board of Anna A. Merrill,	39 00
E. B. Shaw, " Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of insane persons,	108 22
Mrs. W. Titcomb, " Olive Titcomb,	42 00
Albert Mountfort, " Abbie A. Perry,	17 00
Abbie Ramsdell, nursing Jennie E. Whiting,	15 00
J. W. Mountfort, removing A. A. Perry to Providence,	14 55
W. S. Oliver, per order H. E. Poole, board of A. A. Merrill,	33 00
E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
H. Jenkins, " Mary Wyman,	32 00
Town of Richmond, supplies for John Hamilton,	12 04
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of insane persons,	132 84
Town of Windham, supplies for E. B. Field,	24 68
Isaiah Mansfield, supplies for David Bennett,	19 00
Wm. T. Littlefield, " "	3 60
B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	26 00
H. Jenkins, " Mary Wyman,	26 00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, " Olive Titcomb,	48 00
E. B. Shaw, " Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
Mrs. F. A. Walton, " Anna A. Merrill,	39 00
Wm. T. Littlefield, wood for D. Bennett,	4 00
E. B. Shaw, board and clothing for C. A. Blanchard,	22 65
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of insane persons,	108 19
H. Jenkins, " Mary Wyman,	14 00
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of insane persons,	107 59
Town of Westbrook, nursing C. A. Blanchard,	46 66
" Readfield, supplies for Geo. Johnson,	12 30
Mrs. F. A. Walton, board of Anna A. Merrill,	40 75
E. B. Shaw, board and clothing for Rufus Stubbs,	48 30
C. T. Moulton, medical attendance on Mrs. Hiller,	54 75

Mrs. W. Titcomb, board of Olive Titcomb,	$40 00
Blanchard Bros., medicine for Mrs. Hiller,	8 76
J. M. Bates, M. D., visit and certificate of insanity of Charles Thompson,	5 00
Win. T. Littlefield, wood for David Bennett,	9 00
	$1,444 34
Amount raised by town,	1,200 00
Balance against town,	$244 34

TOWN NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Portland Savings Bank, payment on note,	$ 600 00
" " " " note and interest in full,	2,483 30
" Wm. M. Merrill, interest on note of $1,250,	75 00
" " " " note of $1,000, with int. in full,	1,035 00
" Trustees of Greely Institute, int. on $12,000, 6,000, 2,000, 500 and 300 notes,	624 00
" Wm. M. Merrill, ½ year's int. on $2,400 note,	60 00
" Trustees of Greely Institute, int. on $12,000, 6,000, 2,000, 500 and 300 notes,	624 00
" Tr. Cumberland School Fund, int. on note,	52 62
	$5,553 92
Amount raised by town,	2,600 00
Balance against town,	$2,953 92

ROAD AND BRIDGES.

Paid	Wilson & Leighton, bridge plank,	$3 21
"	O. A. Mountfort, " stringers,	6 00
"	E. Corey & Co., iron for bridge railings,	2 41
"	Lyman, Son & Co., rope for derrick,	6 51
"	M. W. Pearson, bridge stringers,	10 62
"	C. A. Merrill, " plank, plow, beam, &c.,	31 62
"	C. W. Shaw, iron work for bridge,	4 00
"	T. C Hamkes, labor on bridge,	58 75
"	Aaron Haskell, labor on road,	2 00
"	Simeon Jones, " " bridge,	44 62
"	S. L. Strout, hauling derrick,	6 00
"	O. Jordan. use of derrick,	20 00
"	C. W. Ring, hauling derrick,	4 00
"	J. L. Craig, lumber for bridge,	7 87
"	A. E. Stevens & Co., iron for bridge,	3 48
"	Daniel Shaw, labor on "	33 00
"	A. H. Harris, " "	42 00
"	N. L. Merrill, " "	21 75
"	David Allen, " "	37 62
"	Joseph Harris, " "	43 75
"	B. Sanborn, plank for culvert,	1 00
"	Lewis Merrill, labor on bridge and board of T. C. Hawkes,	13 38
"	Leighton & Wilson, bridge plank,	6 40
"	E. T. Hall, damage to plow,	2 00
"	G. W. Morrill, hauling derrick, 1880,	2 50
"	O. A. Mountfort, gravel for road,	5 00
		$419 49
	Amount raised by town,	300 00
	Balance against town,	$119 49

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid John A. Hamilton, service as Constable 1880,	$3	00
" " " " Selectman 1880,	29	31
" D. L. Blanchard, " Clerk at annual meeting,	2	00
" " " " 1881,	4	65
" Joab Black, services as Superintendent of burying ground,	3	00
" A. H. Strout, breaking snow,	2	00
" John Hulit, " "	19	12
" L. H. Merrill, services as Moderator and Auditor,	5	00
" F. W. Blanchard, breaking snow,	5	20
" Simeon Jones, " "	1	35
" Wm. S. Moxcy, " "	2	85
" Q. P. S. Dyer, " "	6	27
" " " " "	7	55
" Wm. T. Littlefield, " "	12	78
" Wm. Seabury, " "	10	43
" R. O. Hannaford, " "	8	05
" " " " "	9	79
" Isaiah Mansfield, " "	14	72
" David Petersen, " "	26	52
" C. H. Blanchard, attending funerals, 1880,	15	00
" S. L. Clough, breaking snow,	23	51
" G. M. Farwell, breaking snow,	16	18
" Percy Sturdivant, "	1	93
" Wm. Russell, "	21	35
" E. S. W. Jones, labor on highway,	15	50
" J. S. Sawyer, breaking snow,		75
" Asa Sawyer, "	1	10
" C. E. Herrick, six resident tax deeds,	60	09
" E. D. Merrill, breaking snow,	1	50
" George Abbott, "	7	96
" J. Morrill, surveyor, labor on highway,	28	00
" Sewall Whitney, breaking snow,	8	55
" C. H. Morrill, "	12	70
" P. W. Morrison, "	9	95
" S. T. Merrill, "	6	17

Paid Trustees of Greely Institute, money in aid of free high schools,	$250	00
" Dresser, McLellan & Co., books and stationery,	18	50
" M. W. Pearson, breaking snow,	4	31
" S. T. Merrill, tax and expense of sale on James Webber's property,	4	56
" Dresser, McLellan & Co., books,	4	00
" Wm. M. Marks, town reports,	16	00
" Register of deeds, recording 6 tax deeds,	3	00
" Joseph Sawyer, work on road,	11	00
" C. H. Blanchard, attending funerals,	14	00
" C. E. Herrick, filing claim for tax in bankrupt court,	1	00
" D. L. Blanchard, services as superintendent of burying ground,	3	00
" S. T. Merrill, property bt. by town for unpaid taxes,	57	81
" S. Porter, overwork on highway,	12	91
" Blanchard Brother's, postage, stationery, &c.,	4	38
" Wm. Seabury, breaking snow,	18	32
" A. R. Littlefield, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	25	55
" L. P. Sturdivant, services as supervisor of schools,	70	25
" " " " moderator,	2	00
" Levi Lufkin, " constable,	10	00
" J. A. Blanchard, collector's premium,	172	50
" N. M. Shaw, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	85	00
" Joseph Harris, service as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	63	50
" S. T. Merrill, three non-res. tax deeds, credited twice,	31	49
" " services as treasurer,	40	00
	$1,316	91

Amount raised by town,	$1,000	00
" received from State,	250	00
	$1,250	00
Balance against town,	$66	91

TAXES ABATED, 1881.

Abated on lists of C. E. Herrick, by selectmen,	tax of 1877,	$ 6 00
	" 1878,	7 34
	" 1879,	13 42
By vote of town,	" 1877,	15 84
	" 1878,	15 28
	" 1879,	16 58
Abated for S. T. Merrill, treasurer,		1 40
" on lists of A. Leighton, by vote of town, 1874-75-76,		125 13
" " J. A. Blanchard, by selectmen, tax of 1880,		28 60
" " " " " 1881,		9 00
		$238 59

SUMMARY.

Amount assessed for poor,	$1,200 00	exp'd,	$1,444 34	
" " notes and int.,	2,600 00	"	5,553 92	
" " bridges,	300 00	"	419 49	
" " contingent,	1000 00	"	1,245 42	
" " collector's prem.,	148 16	"		
" overlay,	97 18	"		
Highway deficiencies, 1880,	58 18	"		
Supplement,	22 50	"		
	$5,426 02	exp'd	$6,663 17	
Amount received from State,	250 00	abat's,	238 59	
	$5,676 02		$8,901 76	
			5,676 02	
Balance against tom,			$3,225 74	

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	$2,650 00
" Greely Institute,	20,800 00
" Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due school districts,	723 12
Outstanding bills, estimated,	450 00
Town orders outstanding,	568 32
	$26,068 44

AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer as per his report,	$5,471 70
Due from individual tax, bid in by town,	608 87
" State School Fund,	890 23
" John Jones, bank book in Treasurer's hands,	151 89
	$7,022 69
Balance against town,	$19,045 75

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. SHAW,
JOSEPH HARRIS,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD,
Selectmen of Cumberland.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

8. M. BRACKETT, Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in treasury, March, 1881,		$5,764 43
Assessor's commitment of taxes 1881,		6,721 22
Received from State for schools,		827 13
" " " in aid of free high schools,		250 00
" " Cumberland school fund,		102 62
Principal and interest on Mary J. Sweetser note,		580 81
Received of town of Denmark, on account of poor,		25 00
" " William Merrill to pay town note at Portland Savings' Rank,		2,400 00
" for tax deeds redeemed,		39 36
		$16,710 57
Paid out on town orders,		$11,238 87
Balance due the town,		5,471 70
Due from J. A. Blanchard, collector,	$4,449 02	
" Charles E. Herrick, "	276 59	
" Alvin Leighton, "	164 75	
" non-resident, 1877 tax,	14 91	
" " 1878 tax,	3 78	
" " 1879 tax,	44 16	
" Savings Bank aid for High Sch.,	250 00	
Cash to balance,	268 49	$5,471 70

S. T. MERRILL, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's account for the year ending Febrnary 23,1882, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. M. BRACKETT, .Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of Greely Institute.

The Spring Term of School commenced February 28th under the continued charge of D. B. Fuller, Principal, A. M., Miss Clara A. Wilson,. Preceptress, and Prof. S. K. Hitchings, teacher of Natural Sciences, and continued ten weeks. Number of pupils, 63.

The Fall Term commenced September 12th, having been postponed two weeks on account of sickness at the Centre, with Prof. Hitchings as Principal, W. H. Kelly, A. M., teacher of Languages and Mathematics, and Miss Lena J. Pinkham, teacher of English Studies, and continued ten weeks. Number of pupils, 68.

The Winter Term commenced December 5th, with the same teachers as at the previous term, and continued eleven weeks. Number of pupils, 73.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	$12,000
" " " "	6,000
" " " "	2,000
Total,	$20,000

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For amount of Town of Cumberland Note,		8300 00
" " cash on hand,		1 74
" " one year's interest on note,		18 00
		$319 74
Paid S. K. Hitchings, chemicals,	$5 90	
" " philosophical apparatus,	8 87	
" " chemicals,	4 15	
Cash to balance,	82	$ 19 74
Town of Cumberland Note,		$800 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,		$545 57
Received from Lectures,		26 43
For May and November dividends,		20 20
		$592 20
Paid J. E. Miller, exchange of Cyclopœdias,	$72 00	
" S. K. Hitchings, library books,	8 88	$ 80 88
Amount in bank February 23,1882,		$511 32

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	$500 00
" amount due on tuition books,	155 50
Cash balance in Portland Savings Banks,	190 12
Total accumulated,	$845 62

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid F. H. Morrill, kindlings,	$ 2 12
" D. B. Fuller, teaching Spring Term,	257 57
" " desk books,	3 80
" S. K. Hitchings, teaching Spring Term,	106 06
" Miss Clara A. Wilson, " "	100 00
" Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, diplomas,	7 85
" Tucker Printing House, rank cards,	4 00
" Fred C. Moulton, care of building,	20 00
" J. R. Duran, hauling coal,	6 00
" W. D. Little & Co., insurance for three years,	85 00
" W. M. Marks, printing reports,	5 00
" C. H. Blanchard, as per bill,	7 72
" L. & L F. Walker, coal,	26 00
" J. M. Haskell, patching plastering,	1 25

Paid J. Harris, note and interest,	$102 50
" Blanchard Bros., 14 tons of coal delivered,	105 00
" W. H. Kelly, teaching Fall Term,	136 36
" S. K. Hitchings, " "	181 21
" " school supplies,	2 08
" Fred C. Moulton, care and cleaning building,	24 75
" Miss Lena J. Pinkham, teaching Fall Term,	55 00
" W. E. Wilson, blackboard, etc.,	4 50
" Hollis Doughty, hauling coal,	1 25
" A. N. Noyes & Son, repairing stove,	5 00
" Chas. W. Quimby, care of building,	20 00
" S. K. Hitchings, school supplies,	3 50
" " teaching Winter Term,	200 00
" W. H. Kelly, " "	150 00
" Miss Lena J. Pinkham, teaching Winter Term,	66 00
" Blanchard Bros., as per bill,	8 31
" S. Porter, express on stove,	60
" N. M. Shaw, kindlings,	75
" " services as Trustee,	15 00
	$1714 18
Cash balance in Portland Savings Bank,	190 12
	$1904 30
By cash from Portland Savings Bank,	$102 47
14 " S. T. Merrill, Town Treasurer, (State Aid)	250 00
" tuitions, Spring Term,	33 33
" cash from J. Harris, borrowed,	100 00
" interest on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000 and $500, Town notes,	615 00
" tuition, Fall Term, 1879,	6 00
" " " 1881,	81 00
" " Winter Term, 1882,	101 50
" interest on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000 and $500, notes,	615 00
	$1904 30

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. SHAW,
JOSEPH HARRIS,
AMMI R. LITTLEFIELD,
} *Trustees of Greely Institute.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the trustees of Greely Institnte, for the year ending February 23, 1882, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. M. BRACKETT, *Auditor*.

School Report.

Fellow Citizens:—Among the duties which are by law required of the Supervisor of Schools, is the following:

"He shall, at the annual meeting, make a written report of the condition and progress of the schools under his charge, and of the success attending the various methods of instruction pursued therein."

In accordance with this requirement, I now submit the following report:

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town,	$1,895 20
" received from State,	890 23
" " " town's school fund,	102 62
Total,	$2,288 05

The Selectmen aided by your Supervisor apportioned fifteen per cent. of this amount among the several Districts, for the purpose of equalizing our school privileges.

APPORTIONMENT.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	15 per cent.	Whole am't.
1,	33	$15 00	$125 55
2,	57	40 00	230 95
3,	75	———	251 25
4,	47	55 00	212 45
5,	50	50 00	217 50
6,	9	28 00	58 15
7,	35	30 00	147 25
8,	97	20 00	344 95
9,	126	5 00	427 10
10,	6	25 00	45 10
11,	12	20 00	60 20
12,	4	———	13 40
13,	25	43 70	127 45
Unincorporated Territory	5	10 00	26 75

When the school in District No. 11, was visited, one or two of the scholars belonging in the unincorporated territory, were attending it, and it was expected that all of those scholars would soon attend, in which case it is proper and right that their tuition should be paid from the amount apportioned to that territory.

If we examine the above statement of resources and apportionment closely, it will be seen that a large part of the fifteen per cent. apportionment is taken from the amount which would fall to Districts Nos. 8 and 9, if the school money had been divided according to the number of scholars. This is considered an injustice by many of the citizens of those Districts, and for this reason: By their situation they are virtually barred from receiving any benefit from the Greely Institute, and as the majority of their children mnst obtain their education in the common schools, it is not right to take money from those Districts. As is well known I have long been of the opinion that the money received from the State in aid of free high schools shonld be expended in one of these Districts. If the town would do this, our educational privileges would be more equally distributed, and this injustice would be remedied.

What have our children been doiug during the past year? What have they accomplished? Are they any wiser than they were one year ago? Have our teachers given us a fair return for the money they have received? These are important questions, and it is for me to reply. My reply will be based upon such information as I have gained by visiting the schools twice each term, where I have found it practicable, and from such registers as have been returned to me up to the time of making this report.

HIGH SCHOOL.

As we receive State aid for free High Schools, and expend it at the Greely Institute, I have visited that school four times during the year, being present at two examinations. There has been a change in the board of instruction since the commencement of the spring term of 1881. But, notwithstanding

this change, the school has been kept up to a high standard, judging from the appearance of the teachers when attending to their duties, the recitations of the classes studying those branches with which I am familiar, and from the general appearance of the school, its condition has been highly satisfactory. The following extracts from the returns made to the State Superintendent of common schools may be of interest.

No. of scholars registered,	65
Average attendance,	57
No. of scholars studying ancient languages,	11
" " " " modern "	8
No. scholars studying the natural sciences,	20
" " " higher mathematics,	15

For further information, I would respectfully refer yon to the report of the Trustees of the Greely Institute.

District No. 1.

Agent, Wm. Winslow. Teacher in summer and winter terms, Alice M. Sawyer.

Wages of teacher in summer, excluding board, p'r w'k,	$2.00
Price of board, "	$2.00
No. of scholars registered in summer,	12
Average attendance,	8⅔

Statistics of the winter term had not been received when this report was written.

Miss Sawyer had taught one term in this District dnring the previous year, and being quite popular with the people, was employed for the two terms. The improvement dnring both terms was fair, and had the teacher maintained better order, greater results might have been attained. As it was, both were fair terms of school.

District No. 2.

Agent, J. R. Duran. Teacher for the year, Julia C. Duran.

Wages of teacher in snmmer, excluding board, p'r w'k,	$5.00
" " " " winter, " " "	$7.00
Price of board, "	2.00

No. of scholars registered in summer term,				24
" " "	"	" fall	"	22
" " "	"	" winter	"	25
Average attendance in summer			"	19¾
"	"	" fall	"	18
"	"	" winter	"	23 4-7

Miss Duran is a teacher of large experience, having taught twenty-five public schools. Good methods of instruction were employed, good order was maintained throughout the three terms. The improvement for the year was commendable, and I doubt not that the people of the district were well satisfied with the way in which their money was expended.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Agent, Louville H. Merrill. Teacher for the year Ezra K. Sweetser.

Wages of teacher, including board, per week,				$9.00
No. of scholars registered in summer term,				40
" " "	"	" fall	"	30
Average attendance in summer			"	34 11-40
"	"	" fall	"	26 5-11

The statistics for the winter term have not been received.

The scholars in this school are very yonng (nearly all being under twelve years of age,) and therefore need a more scientific teacher than would be required by scholars of a maturer age. Mr. Sweetser is just the teacher needed. His scholars always appear to be interested in their work. The school during the past year has been the most successful one that I have ever known in this district, and was one of the best in town.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Agent, Nelson M. Shaw. Teacher of summer term, Ida G. Wilson.

Wages of teacher, including board, per week,	$5.00
No. of scholars registered,	28
Average attendance,	19

Miss Wilson is a good scholar and a faithful worker in the school room. The order in the school was fair, the instruction satisfactory, the improvement commendable, and the district received a fair return for the money expended.

Teacher of winter term, Anna M. Davis.

Wages of teacher excluding board, per week,	$6.00
Price of board, per week,	2.37
No. of scholars registered,	38
Average attendance,	30

Although Miss Davis had had previous experience as a teacher, this was her first attempt at teaching a district school, and she succeeded well.

The order and irnprovetnent were good, and the school was a success.

District No. 5.

Agent, Silas Russell. Teacher of summer term, Alice E. Wilson. Wages of teacher including hoard: $4.00

No. of scholars registered, 18

Average attendance, 15¾

This was Miss Wilson's first school, and for a beginner she succeeded well. The order was fair; tlie scholars liked their teacher, and made fair improvement. With more experience Miss Wilson will make a fine teacher.

Teacher of fall term, Alma M. Brackett.

Wages of teacher excluding board,	**$4.50**
Price of board per week,	2.00
No. of scholars registered,	27
Average attendance,	22

This teacher has had a large experience in this and other towns, and has always been successful.

She was popular with both parents and scholars. Good order was maintained, and good improvement made throughout the term.

Teacher of winter term, L. P. Stnrdivant.

Wages of teacher including board,	$10.00

No. of scholars registered,	32
Average attendance,	27

The scholars in this school have behaved well up to the present time, and have made good improvement.

District No. 6.

Agent, Frank W. B. Blanchard.

This school is under the supervision of Yarmouth.

District No. 7.

Agent, Sylvanus Porter. Teacher of summer term, Lena J. Pinkham.

Wages of teacher, excluding board,	$2.50
Price of board,	2.50
No. of scholars registered,	17
Average attendance,	13 7-9

This was Miss Pinkham's first attempt at teaching. She is a fine scholar, and in time will make one of our most successful teachers. The improvement in several of the branches of stndy was good, but the order was deficient. Probably a second term in this school would have remedied this defect, but Miss Pinkham left this school to become assistant at the Greely Institute, where she has given good satisfaction.

Teacher of fall term, Phinelia G. Merrill.

Wages of teacher, excluding board,	$3.00
Price of board per week,	2.00
No. of scholars registered,	18
Average attendance,	14 19-54

This was Miss Merrill's first attempt at teaching.

I visited the school the first week and it then appeared to be in a fair condition. I received a postal card from the agent notifying me that the school would close on the tenth day of December, I went to the school house on the morning of that day, and found that the school had closed the day before. Consequently I can make no further report of it.

District No. 8.—Chebeague Island.

Agent, James E. Mansfield. Teacher of summer term, Dora A. Ellorett.

No. of scholars, registered, 50
Average attendance, 44

This was Mrs. Ellorett's second term in this district. The order was good. The improvement in the most important branches was good, and fair improvement was made in all branches.

Teacher of fall term, Miss Hattie Gowell.

Wages of teacher, excluding board, $5.50 per week.
Price of board, $2.50 " "
No. of scholars registered, 55
Average attendance, 33

I will simply say of this school, that the order and improve- were not satisfactory to me.

Teacher of winter term, Silas Skillin.

Wages of teacher, excluding board, 39.00 per month.
Price of board, 3.75 " week.
No. of scholars registered, 45
Average attendance, 33

Mr. Skillin appeared to hare the respect and esteem of his pupils in a good degree. The order was fair and the improvement in most branches mas good. I think that this was a profitable term of school.

District No. 9—Chebeague Island.

Name of agent, Stephen B. Hamilton. Teacher for the year, Annie R. Littlefield.

Wages of teachers including board, per month, $48.00
No. of scholars registered in summer term, 63
" " " " " fall " 83
" " " " " winter " 68
Average attendauce in summer term, 55 34-50
" " " fall " 70
" " " winter " 62 17-100

Mr. Littlefield has long been one of onr most successful teachers, and the people in this district were very fortunate in securing his services. The school is the largest in town. The order and improvement for the year have been excellent. It is to be hoped that Mr. Littlefield's services will be retained during the coming year.

District No. 10—Hope Island.

Name of agent, Henry Harr. Name of teacher, Dora S. Rose.

This school is very small and has but one term in a year. The term had not commenced when the other island schools were visited, and I have not been able to visit it since that time. Knowing the character and scholarship of this teacher, I have no doubt that she will teach a fine school.

District No. 11—CROTCHsland.

Name of agent, John Pettengill. Teacher for the year, James F. Mansfield.

This district also, has but one term of school in a year and that is still in progress. I visited it at the commencement and found it in a good condition. Mr. Mansfield is a fine scholar and employs good methods of instruction. Mr. Mansfield, and also the teacher in District No. 10, are capable of teaching larger schools than these, and it would give me pleasure to see them so employed.

District No. 12.

Name of agent, Joab Black. The scholars in this district corntnouly attend school in Falmouth, and I presume that they have done so this year.

District No. 13.

Name of agent, James A. Blanchard. Teacher of summer term, Annie M. Leighton.

Wages of teacher, including board,	$5.00
No. of scholars registered,	15
Average attendance,	12½

The order in the school was good, the instruction satisfactory, and fair improvement was made in all branches.

Teacher of winter term, Charles E. B. Libby.	
Wages of teacher excluding board, per month,	$25.00
No. of scholars registered,	17
Average attendance,	14 33-35

This was Mr. Libby's first attempt at teaching, and as such, it was unusually successful. Good order was maintained, and good improvement made throughout the term. This school was one of the most successful in town.

In conclusion, I desire to say that while our schools for the year have not been up to the standard of former years, *fair* improvement has been made, and the town has received a *fair* return for the money expended.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. STUBDIVANT,

Supervisor of schools.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

For the Fiscal Year ending Feb. 21, 1883.

PORTLAND, ME.:
WILLIAM M. MARKS, PRINTER.
1883.

Selectmen and Assessors Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1882.

For State Tax,		$2,508 22
County Tax,		497 91
Schools,	$1,295 20	
Support of Poor,	1,200 00	
Notes and Interest,	2,435 62	
Roads and Bridges,	1,200 00	
Contingent Bills,	1,000 00	
Collector's Premium,	166 61	
Overlay,	241 96	
Unpaid Highway,	74 94	
Supplement,	33 60	
		$7,647 93
Total assessment,		$10,654 06

Total Valuation, $609,320.
No. of Polls, **413.**
Poll Tax, $2.00.
Rate of taxation 16 mills on a dollar.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid S. Higgins, sawing wood for David Bennett,	$3 75
" Hamilton & Co., supplies " "	6 11
" Martha Mitchell, care of " "	12 00
" E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39 00
" Abner C. Hill, wood for David Bennett,	4 00
" B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	26 00
" A. R. Littlefield, supplies for Mrs. J. Johnson,	4 22

Paid M. M. Leighton, board, etc., of Anna Merrill,	40	75
" E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman and R. Stubbs,	78	00
" Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Bryan, Jones, Sweetser and Eaton,	109	40
" Mrs. W. Titcomb, board of Oliver Titcomb,	40	00
" Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Bryan, Jones, Sweetser and Eaton,	120	17
" E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
" Mrs. M. M. Leighton, board of Anna Merrill,	39	00
" E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39	00
" S. Jones, board and clothing for John Jones,	27	75
" Geo. W. Loring, cleansing Mrs. Coffin's clothing,	5	00
" B. J. Thompson, board for Betsey Hamilton,	26	00
" M. A. Drinkwater, board of Mrs. Coffin,	18	00
" A. F. Drinkwater, shoes etc., "	1	16
" E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
" Mrs. M. M. Leighton, board of Anna Merrill,	40	75
" Mrs. W. Titcomb, board of Oliver Titcomb,	38	00
" Tr. Insane Hospital, " insane persons,	96	78
" E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39	00
" S. Jones, board of John Jones,	14	00
" M. A. Drinkwater, board of Mrs coffin,	18	00
" Town of Windham, supplies furnished E. B. Field,	31	08
" Tr. Ins. Hospital, board of Bryan, Eaton and Sweetser,	78	96
" David P. Coffin, board of Mrs. Coffin,	14	00
" John P. Farwell, " "	6	25
" E. B. Shaw, board and clothing for R. Stubbs,	48	61
" C. T. Moulton, M.D. med. attendance of Mrs. Hiller,	9	75
" M. M. Leighton, board and clothing for Anna Merrill,	40	50
" Hamilton, & Co, provisions for pauper,		50
" Wm. T. Littlefield, wood for David Bennett,	4	00
" Chas. L. Holt, M. D., attendance for J. E. Small,	20	00
" C. T. Moulton, " " " Eddie Moore,	18	00
	$1,235	49
Amount raised by town,	1,200	00
Balance against town,	$35	49

TOWN NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Wm. M. Merrill, int. on notes,	$75 00
" Trustees of Greely Institute, int. on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000, $500 and $300,	624 00
" Wm. M. Merrill, payment on note,	1,000 00
" " " " int. on note of $2,400,	62 64
" Tr. Cumberland School Fund, int. on note,	52 62
" Trustees Greely Institute, int. on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000, $500 and $300,	624 00
	$2,438 26
Sum raised by town,	2,435 62
Balance against town,	$2 64

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Wm. T. Littlefield, breaking snow,	$5 14
" Asa Merrill, " "	8 11
" S. L. Strout, " "	5 65
" F. P. Blanchard, " "	7 00
" Lewis Merrill, " "	7 50
" A. A. Sweetsir, " "	9 88
" Isaiah Mansfield, " "	10 07
" Q. P. S. Dyer, " "	10 87
" Wm. Seabury, " "	6 41
" A. M. Small, " "	21 36
" G. M. Farwell, " "	11 52
" " " " iron posts for sailing,	2 40
" C. E. Herrick, breaking snow,	1 87
" A. H. Farris, " "	5 10
" E. G. Prince, " "	1 93
" F. W. Blanchard, " "	5 02
" S. L. Adams, one road machine,	211 00
" E. S. W. Jones, labor on highway,	18 20
" J. Morrill, " " "	10 05

Paid C. H. Morrill, breaking snow,	17 80
" Rufus Legrow, " "	7 05
" C. A. Merrill, " "	2 85
" Geo. Abbott, " "	9 42
" Wm. Seabury, " "	12 30
" David Peterson, " "	19 00
" S. L. Clough, " "	8 62
" Jacob Mitchell, bridge plank,	4 99
" C. A. Merrill, " " and stringers,	13 43
" Charles Mitchell, building road on Chebeague,	376 20
" Daniel Shaw, labor on bridge,	44 18
" David Allen, " " "	41 50
" A. E. Stevens & Co., iron for bridge,	4 13
" J. R. Duran, bridge plank,	2 00
" A. Drinkwater, stone for bridge,	7 08
" A. H. Farris, labor on stone and bridge,	56 00
" N. M. Shaw, " " " " "	64 00
" " " " board of T: C. Hawkes,	16 00
" M. W. Pearson, labor and material for bridge,	15 73
" J. Morrill, hauling stone and lumber,	38 50
" E. T. Hall, breaking snow,	10 27
" D. Shaw, labor and lumber for culvert,	9 50
" D. Hamilton, land for road on Chebeague,	18 00
" R. R. Littlefield, " " " " "	16 00
" Chas. Thompson, " " " " "	25 00
" Robt. Hamilton, " " " " "	10 00
" A. R. Littlefield, " " " " "	40 00
" J. R. Hamilton, " " " " "	10 00
" Frank Shaw, labor on sluice,	2 00
" James Noyes, " " bridge,	9 00
" T. C. Hawkes " " " stone, etc.,	89 52
" N. L. Wilson, " " "	11 75
" M. Donahue, bridge plank, etc.,	2 29
" Town of Falmouth, use of derrick,	15 17
" Asa Russell, breaking snow,	3 75
" G. S. Merrill, labor on road,	1 05
" S. Porter, " " "	24 15
	$1,424 21
Amount raised by town,	1,200 00
Balance against town,	$224 21

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid John A. Hamilton, services as Constable, 1881,		$ 3 00
" A. C. Hill, Superintendent of burying ground,		6 25
" H. Eaton, land, by vote of town,		13 00
" J. Morrill, one-half cord of wood,		3 75
" F. G. Stevens, recording forty-seven tax deeds,		23 50
" Trustees Greeley Institute, money from State in aid		
" of Free High Schools,		250 00
" D. R. Allen, services as Town Clerk, etc.,		10 25
" A. L. Burbank, shipping list,		5 00
" Wm. M. Marks, printing town reports,		31 00
" Dresser, McLellan & Co., books and stationery,		16 80
" Mary A. Pittee, one-half acre of land,		15 00
" O. S. Thomes, cedar posts,		4 66
" Jos. Harris, labor on bury. ground fence, bridge, etc.,		10 00
" N. M. Shaw, labor on burying ground fence,		3 00
" J. A. Blanchard, resident taxes, bought by town,		56 26
" C. F. Libby, legal advice for 1851, '82,		16 00
" Levi Lufkin, services as constable,		12 50
" D. L. Blanchard, services as town clerk,		16 75
" " " " superintendent of bury-		
ing ground,		3 00
" L. P. Sturdevant, services as moderator,		2 00
" " " as supervisor of schools,		64 64
" A. R. Littlefield, " as selectman, assessor, etc.,		29 86
" S. M. Brackett, " as auditor,		2 00
" S. T. Merrill, non-resident taxes, charged to Tr. twice,		25 52
" " " " " bid ill by town,		98 00
" " services as treasurer,		40 00
" C. E. Herrick, collector's premium in part,		75 00
" Blanchard Bros., postage, etc.,		2 81
" C. H. Bianchard, attending funerals, repairs on		
hearse, etc.,		10 23
" N. M. Shaw, services as selectman, assessor and		
overseer of poor,		82 05
" Joseph Harris, services as selectman, assessor and		
overseer of poor,		72 50
" J. A. Elanchard, collector's premium,		150 00
		$1,144 33
Amount raised by town,	$1,000 00	
" rec'd from State,	250 00	
		$1,250 00
Balance in favor of town,		$105 67

TAXES ABATED, 1882.

Abated on lists of	J. A.	Blanchard,	by	vote of	town,		$15 17
"	"	"	"	"	"	selectmen,	10 64
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	142 50
"	"	"	C.	E. Herrick,	"	vote of town,	19 86
"	"	"	"	"	"	selectmen,	8 02
"	"	"	J.	A. Blanchard,	"	"	21 55
							$217 74

SUMMARY.

Amount assessed for poor,		$1,200 00	exp'd,		$1,235 49
"	" notes and int.,	2,435 62	"		2,438 26
"	" roads and b'gs,	1,200 00	"		1,424 21
"	" contingent,	1,000 00	"		1,144 33
"	" collector's prem.,	166 61	"		
"	" overlay,	241 96	"		
Highway deficiencies, 1881,		74 94	"		
Supplement,		33 60			
		$6,352 73	exp'd,		$6,242 29
Amount received from State,		250 00	abat's,		217 74
		$6,602 73			$6,460 03
		6,460 03			
Balance in favor of town,		$142 70			

LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	1,650 00
" Greely Institute,	20,800 00
" Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due school districts,	713 48
Outstanding bills estimated,	300 00
Town orders outstanding,	693 75
	$25,034 23

ASSETS.

Balance due from Tr. as per his report,	$6,110 58	
Due from on tax deeds,	589 43	
" " State School Fund,	877 57	
" " John Jones bank book in Tr's hands,	157 99	
		$7,735 57
Balance against town,		17,298 66

The following abatements have been made for the year 1882.

Names,	Date of Asst.,	Cause,	Poll,	R. E.,	P. E.,	Vote town.
Cressey, Lorenzo	1880,	Poverty,	$3.00			$3.00
Field, Ephraim B.	"	"	3.00		.28	3.28
Norton, Loren F.	"	Non-res't,	3.00		1.40	4.40
Cobb, James .	"	Poverty,			.49	.49
Perkins, A. H.	1		3.00		1.00	4.00
						Vote Selectmen.
Hinks, Broder A.	"	Overvaluat'n,			.64	.64
Littlefield, Wm. V.	"	"			1.40	1.40
Doughty, Asa	"	Poverty,	3.00		5.60	8.60
Conant, R. O.	1881	By mistake,			75.00	75.00
Burnham, Geo.	"	Overvaluat'n,			67.50	67.50
Blaachard, G. W.	1879	Non-res't,	3.00			3.00
Tr. Union Hall Co.,	"	Overvaluat'n,			2.02	2.02
Hamilton, Theo.	"	Non-res't,	3.00			3.00
						Vote town.
Burton, Moses	1877	Poverty,	3.00	.30	1.30	4.60
Chadwick, F. G.	1879	"	3.00			3.00
Royden, Andrew	1877	"	3.00			3.00
Thompson, Edw'd	"	"	3.00			3.00
Webber, D. E.	"	"	3.00			3.00
" "	1878	"	3.00	.26		3.26
						Vote Selectmen.
Barston, Mary	1880	"		2.80		2.80
Starling, Cyrus	"	No such man	3.00			3.00
Small, J. E.	LC	Poverty,	3.00		.48	3.48
Winslow, N. F.	"	Non-res't,	3.00			3.00
Hicks, Ervin	1881	"	2.00			2.00
Small, Hannah E.	"	Poverty,			.87	.87
Farwell, J. P.	1882	Over val.,			3.20	3.20
Merrill Dan'l Heirs,	"	"			3.20	3.20

N. M. SHAW,
JOSEPH HARRIS,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD,
} *Selectmen of Cumberland.*

This may certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. PRINCE, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in treasury, March, 1882,			$5,471 70
Assessor's commitment of taxes, 1882,			7,647 93
Received from State for schools,			890 23
" " " in aid of free high school,			250 00
" " Cumberland school fund,			102 62
" " Isaiah Mansfield for license to build a ware,			5 00
" " State Treas., R. R. tax of 1881, 1882,			12 00
" for tax deeds redeemed,			173 59
			$14,553 07
Paid out on town orders,			$8,442 49
Balance due the town,			$6,110 58
Due from J. A. Blanchard, collector,		$4,644 09	
" E. W. Hamilton, "		851 45	
" Charles E. Kerrick, "		121 84	
" Alvan Leighton "		164 75	
" non-resident, 1877 tax,		12 15	
" " 1878 tax,		6 50	
" " 1879 tax,		18 70	
" Savings Bank aid for high school,		250 00	
Cash to balance,		41 10	
			$6,110 58

This may certify that I have examined the Treasurer's account for the year ending February 23, 1882, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. PRINCE, *Auditor.*

REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of Greely Institute.

The Spring Term of School commenced February 28th under the continued charge of S. K. Hitchings, B. S., with W. H. Kelly, A. M., teacher of languages, and continued ten weeks. Number of scholars, 46.

The number of terms being reduced to two a year, the Fall Term commenced September 25th, with W. A. Hoyt, A. B., Principal, O. C. Farrington, B. S., teacher of Natural Sciences, and E. I. Sawyer, assistant, and continued thirteen weeks. Number of pupils, 65.

The Winter Term began January 15th, with the same board of instruction, and is now progressing finely with 67 scholars.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	$12,000
" " " "	6,000
" " " "	2,000
Total,	$20,000

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For amount of Town of Cumberland Note,	$300 00
" " Cash on hand,	82
" " one year interest on note,	18 00
	$318 82
Cash on hand February 21st, 1883,	18 82
Town of Cumberland Note,	$300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	$511 32
" " of May and November dividends,	20 64
	$531 96
Paid Loring, Short and Harmon, rebinding books, $2.10,	2 10
Amount in bank February 21st, 1883,	$529 86

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	$500 00
" Amount in Portland Savings bank,	40 92
" Amount due on tuition book,	143 50
Cash balance in Portland Savings Bank,	401 72
Total accumulated,	$1,086 14

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid Mr. Stone, tuning piano,	$2 50
" Tucker Printing House, as per bill,	7 25
" W. H. Kelly, teaching spring term,	163 64
" S. K. Hitchings, " " " etc.	243 79
" Fred W. Moore, care of building, etc.,	19 25
" Tucker Printing House, rank cards,	2 00
" C. H. Elanchard, as per bill,	5 34
" Wm. M. Marks, printing reports,	5 00
" S. H. Colesworthy, Greek Lexicon,	4 00
" W. P. Newman, postal Cards,	25
" A. S. Noyes, printing,	50
" J. S. Sawyer, cleaning building,	2 50
" Joseph Harris, labor on "	12 62
" Mrs. Eaton, cleaning "	4 50
" F. S. Merrill, painting "	8 75

Paid Blanchard Bros., as per bill,	25 96
" A. S. Noyes, bill blanks,	60
" J. R. Duran, hauling coal,	17 50
" O. S. Thomes, as per bill,	3 50
" H. H. Hay, chemicals,	4 88
" C. P. Graves, repairing and tuning organ,	5 00
" W. D. Ames, furnace,	145 50
" W. A. Hoyt, school supplies,	17 22
" " teaching fall term,	325 00
" O. C. Farrington, " " "	100 00
" L. & L. F. Walker, coal, 14 tons,	87 50
" E. I. Sawyer, teaching,	60 00
" " care of building, etc.,	22 27
" O. C. Farrington, chemicals,	6 50
" " "	6 45
" A. N. Noyes & Son, grate for stove,	50
" Blanchard Bros., as per bill,	3 68
" N. M. Shaw, supplies,	2 27
" " services as Trustee,	20 00
" W. A. Hoyt, prizes,	6 33
" " rank cards,	1 50
" C. H. Blanchard, as per bill,	4 48
" S. L. Farwell, painting, etc.,	21 75
" J. Harris, services as Trustee,	1 50
	$1,371 78
Cash balance in Portland Savings Bank,	401 72
	$1,773 50

By cash from Portland Savings Bank,	$25 00
" " S. T. Merrill, Treas. (State aid)	250 00
" tuitions Winter Term,	4 00
" " Spring "	47 00
" cash from P. S. Bank,	125 00
" int., on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000, and $500 town notes,	615 00
" tuitions Fall Term,	92 50
" int., on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000, and $500, town notes,	615 00
	$1,773 50

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. SHAW,
JOSEPH HARRIS,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD,
Trustees of Greely Institute.

This may certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. PRINCE, *Auditor.*

School Report.

Fellow Citizens:

In submitting to you the annual report of your snpervisor of schools, I desire to congratulate the town upon the passage of an unusually successful school year. The State and the town have made reasonable provision for the support of schools, the agents have been unusually fortunate in the employment of teachers, our teachers have labored hard and faithfully in their several schools, and the town has received an unusually good return for the money expended.

I attribute these good results to the following causes:

1st. To an increasing interest among the people of this town in the welfare and prosperity of that important factor in our social progress—the district school. 2d. To the fact that our district agents in performing their several duties have acted with no selfish ends in view. 3d. To the unusually high grade of teachers employed in our snmmer schools. In past years many of these schools have suffered from the employment of young and inexperienced teachers, through the mistaken notion that "Almost any one would do to teach onr small scholars," when in fact these are the scholars who need the ablest and most experienced teachers. Before entering upon the details of this report, let me say that the condition and progress of onr schools, has been a source of gratification and pride to me, and I can trnly say that of the seven years in which I have been the supervisor of your schools, the year which has just past, has been the most successful. Let us hope that the coming year will witness a still greater interest in education, among the people and a still higher degree of success in the management of our schools.

Not among the lightest of the duties devolving jointly upon your assessors and supervisor, was the apportionment of the school money. In ordinary towns, and under ordinary circumstances, the division of our school funds in such a manner as to secure the greatest good to the greatest number, would not be a matter requiring great study. But in this town situated as it is, made up as it is of main land and islands, containing as it does, school districts with but few scholars, having as it has a Free High School, comparatively easy of access to about three-fifths of our scholars, while to the other two-fifths it is almost inaccessible; the apportionment of our school money is a matter requiring considerable thonght, and an accurate knowledge of the condition and wants of onr schools. I know that districts having a large number of scholars, and consequently a large amount of school money, are enabled to have more and longer terms of school; but my experience as a teacher and as a school officer has convinced me of this fact—"That an ordinary good teacher in a school of ordinary ability, ranging in number from fifteen to twenty-five scholars, can accomplish far more in nine weeks, than the same teacher could accomplish in a school of from sixty to eighty scholars, (such as is found in District No. 9), in a term of twelve weeks." Again, good teachers are unwilling to risk their reputation for success, in large, difficult schools, for the pay they would receive in smaller and easier schools. Thus it will be seen that the apportionment of our school funds is not so easy a matter as it would seem at first to be. Still I believe that this year's apportionment is as fair and just a one as we have had in the last ten years.

In dividing the school money the following points have been taken into consideration. 1st—The number of scholars in the districts. 2d—The distance from the high school at the Greely Institute.

RESOURUES OF SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by the town,	$1,295 20
" received from the state,	877 57
" " " town fund,	102 62
Total for schools,	$2,275 39
20 per cent.,	455 08

No. of Dist.	No. of Scholars.	Money.	20 per cent.	Total.
1	27	$88 24	$41 46	$129 70
2	50	163 40	60 85	224 25
3	63	205 88	9 45	215 33
4	44	143 79	69 21	213 00
5	47	153 60	61 40	215 00
6	11	32 68	30 81	63 49
7	40	130 72	29 28	160 00
8	97	317 00	23 00	340 00
9	133	434 64	25 36	460 00
10	6	19 61	———	19 61
11	7	22 88	42 32	65 20
12	3	9 80	———	9 80
13	27	88 24	47 06	135 30
Ter. not in any district	3	9 80	14 91	24 71

The amount of money to each scholar in the several districts is as follows:

Dist. No. 1, $4 79	Dist. No. 8, $3 60
" 2, 4 48	" " 9, 3 53
" " 3, 3 4 1	" "10, 3 2 5
" " 4, 4 S 4	" "11, 9 3 1
" " 5, 4 58	" " 12, 8 26
" " 6, 5 77	" " 13, 5 01
" " 7, 4 00	Territory not in any district, 3 26

The following shows the number of weeks of school in each district.

No. of Dist.	No. of weeks school.
1	21
a	24
3	26¼
4	26¾
5	27 2-11
7	25
8	29 1-10
9	31
10	———
11	———
13	26½

The condition and progress of our district schools have been as follows:—

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Agent, William Winslow. Teacher for the year, Ellen S. Blanchard.

Miss B. has taught several terms in this district in past years and has always been successful; but this year her success has been greater than ever before. She seems to understand the wants of the pnpils in this school better than any teacher whom I have seen in it for a long time. My first visit to the summer term convinced me that she had gained the esteem aud confidence of her pupils, and she seemed to retain them to the end of the term.

The school was not a large one and was composed mostly of small scholars, but it was a successful one. The order was good throughout tlie term. The improvement in all branches was good. In the winter term there were more scholars and of a larger grade, but the term was fully as successful as the last, and I think the district did well to retain the services of this teacher during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Agent, George H. Moxcey. Teacher of simmer term, Julia C. Duran.

This teacher had taught this school during the whole of the previous year, and is also a teacher of large experience in this and other towns. Fair order was maintained throughout the term, and commendable improvement made in most of the branches pursued.

Teacher of winter term, Charles E. B. Libby.

Mr. L. came to tliis school from district No. **13,** where he had been very successful. Unfortunately Mr. L. was taken ill about three weeks before the close of the term, and the near approach of town meeting compelled me to visit the school some three weeks before it closed. The school was then under the charge of Miss Annie W. Brackett, and though there had been no review, the scholars showed that thorough work had been done. Undoubtedly this was a successful term of school.

DISTRICT NO. **3.**

Agent, Charles H. Blanchard. Teacher for the year, Ezra K. Sweetsir.

The citizens of this district were very fortunate in securing the services of this excellent teacher for the year. It was his third year of continuous service in this school. Under his careful management and thorough training the school has been bronght to a high standard. Every class reeeived careful attention and a thorough drill.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Agent, Robert N. Leighton. Teacher of summer term, Emma F. Whitney.

This teacher has taught in tliis district before and I believe has always given good satisfaction. The order during this term was as good as I could wish and the improvement creditable to both teacher and scholars.

Teacher of fall term, Ida G. Wilson.

This term of school was very short being only five weeks in length. Miss Wilson is a teacher of considerable experience in this and other schools in town, and to do her jnstice, she accomplished a creditable amount of work for so short a term of school. The improvement in all branches was good. Had better order been maintained the results would have been more pleasing.

Teacher of winter term, Horace B. Mountfort.

Mr. Mountfort is a good scholar and a careful and thorough teacher. Good order was maintained throughout the term, and good improvement was made in all branches of study pursued.

District No. 5.

Agent, Sewall Whitney. Teacher of summer term, Annie M. Dunn.

This teacher is a good scholar and had had some experience as a teacher previous to this term. The order in the school was good, and fair improvement was made in all branches.

Teacher of fall and winter terms, Alma M. Brackett.

This lady is a teacher of large experience and brought to this school besides a thorough knowledge of her business, a knowledge of the special wants of her pupils in this district and a will to supply them. Besides giving her pupils good thorongh instruction and drill in all branches, she trained them to have confidence in their own knowledge and abilities. The smaller scholars were gathered into a class and received oral instruction upon matters of general information. This class was a pleasing feature of both terms of school. The examination at the close of the fall term was highly gratifying to your supervisor, but it was at the close of the winter term that the abilities and hard work of both teacher and scholars were seen at their best. The self possession of the scholars and thorough knowledge of the branches studied were matters of general remark by the parents and friends of the

scholars, many of whom were present. Declamations and readings were a pleasing feature of the exercises, and all acquitted themselves with credit.

District No. 6.

Agent, Frank W. Blanchard.

The school in this district is nnder the supervision of Yarmouth.

District No. 7.

Agent, Chas. A. Merrill. Teacher for the year, Mellie H. McCollister.

This school though small, and not requiring great scholarship in an instructor, needs a teacher of special qualities as drill master, on account of the tender age of the pupils, and it is sufficient to say that this want was fully supplied by Miss McCollister who besides being a teacher of large experience, has had the advantage of special training in one of our state normal schools. Good, thorough instruction and drill were given, and the improvement for the year was excellent.

District No. 8—Chebeague Island.

Agent, William Seabury.

Teacher of summer and fall terms, Lucinda O. Allen.

This teacher also has had the benefit of normal training to which qualifications may be added good natural abilities, and a sound judgment. The order and improvement in all branches were very good. The citizens of the district and your supervisor were highly pleased with the school and it is hoped that the same teacher's services may be secured for the coming summer terms.

Winter term, teacher, L. P. Sturdivant.

There is as good material for a school in this district as there is in the town. The scholars are bright and intelligent, and well advanced in the different branches pursued. I will say frankly that I think that this was as successful a school as could be taught in such a schoolroom at such a season of the

year. This district sadly needs a new school honse, the present one being cold, dark, inhospitable, and a model of inconvenience.

District No. 9—Chebeague Island.

Agent, Stephen B. Hamilton. Teacher for the year, Ammi R. Littlefield.

This is the *largest* school in town, in fact it is too large for one teacher to manage. But few more than one half of the scholars in the district can attend school at one time, on account of a lack of accommodations, although the schoolroom is as large as any in town. This is Mr. Littlefield's second year in this school and the district was fortunate in securing his services. He is a first class teacher, and keeps an excellent school.

District No. 10—Hope Island.

Agent, Henry Horr.

There has been no school in this district this year.

District No. 11—Crotch Island.

There has been no school in this district.

District No. 12.

The scholars in this district commonly attend school in Falmouth.

District No. 13.

Agent, Simeon Clough. Teacher of summer term, Ida G. Wilson.

The order in this school was good. The teacher labored faithfully, and a good school was the result.

Teacher of winter term, Charles E. B. Libby.

This was Mr. L.'s second term in this district. The school was well governed, and good improvement was made in all branches.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School at Greely Institute has been in successful operation dnring the year. Since the publication of the last Annual Report there have been two full terms of school held at this Iustitntion, and the third is now in progress.

The spring term was taught by that able and experienced teacher, Prof. S. K. Hitchings, ably assisted by Mr. W. H. Kelley, and was a highly successful term.

The fall term was taught by Will A. Hoyt, A. B., assisted by Mr. O. Farrington, and Mr. Irving Sawyer. This was also a very successful term. The same corps of teachers are now employed upon the spring term, which up to the time of making this report has not been visited by your Supervisor. The following extract from the returns made to the State Superintendent of common schools may be of interest:

Number terms of High School for year ending December 1st, 1882, 3. Number of weeks, 31. Total wages per month of teachers of spring and winter terms, $160.64. Fall term, 153.33\frac{1}{3}$. Whole number of scholars registered, 73. Average attendance, 50.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. STURDIVANT, *Supervisor.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

For the Fiscal Year ending Feb. 20, 1884.

PORTLAND, ME.:
WILLIAM M. MARKS, PRINTER.
1884.

Selectmen and Assessors' Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED, 1883.

For State Tax,		$2,229 99
County Tax,		324 91
Schools,	$1,295 20	
Support of Poor,	1,250 00	
Notes and Interest,	2,385 62	
Roads and Bridges,	350 00	
Island Road,	150 00	
Snow Bills,	200 00	
Contingent Rills,	900 00	
Collector's Premium,	194 64	
Overlay,	400 81	
Unpaid Highway,	51 20	
Supplement,	43 12	
		$7.220 59
Total Assessment,		$9,775 49

Total Valuation, $635,735.
No. of Polls, 412.
Poll Tax, $2.00.
Rate of Taxation, 14 mills on a dollar.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	$39 00
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Eaton, Bryan and Sweetser,	98 23
S. Jones, board and clothing for J. Jones,	58 75
B. J. Thomson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	26 00
M. M. Leighton, " Anna Merrill,	39 00
E. B. Shaw, " Rufus Stubbs,	39 00

Paid Mrs. W. Titcomb, b'd and cloth'g for O. Titcomb,	54	00
Town of Yarmouth, supplies for John Hanscomb,	36	70
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39	00
" " Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
M. M. Leighton, " Anna Merrill,	39	00
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Eaton, Bryan, Sweetser and Jones,	103	36
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39	00
B. J. Thompson, " Betsey Hamilton,	26	00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, b'd and clothing for O. Titcomb,	56	00
E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of insane persons,	115	24
M. M. Leighton, board of Anna Merrill,	39	00
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39	00
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Eaton, Bryan, Sweetser and Jones,	113	68
E. B. Shaw, board and clothing for Rufus Stubbs,	49	75
M. A. Drinkwater, board of George Kennedy,	50	00
" " keeping tramps,	3	75
D. L. Blanchard, digging grave for John Jones,	5	00
M. M. Leighton, board, etc., for Anna Merrill,	40	00
E. H. Ramsdell, taking C. W. Ramsdell to Augusta,	6	70
Town of Windham, supplies for E. B. Yield,	56	00
Hamilton & Co., supplies for David Bennett,	32	50
S. Higgins, hauling and sawing wood for David Bennett,	4	00
Martha Mitchell, care of David Bennett,	12	00
N. M. Shaw, keeping Meserve family,	2	00
	$1,339	66
Sum raised by town,	1,250	00
Balance against town,	$89	66

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Wm. M. Merrill, int. on note,	$15 00
Trustees of Greely Institute, int. on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000, 500 and $300 notes,	624 00
Wm. M. Merrill, int. on note,	35 00
" " pay't on note and interest,	1,038 20
Tr. Cumberland School Fund, int. on note,	52 62
Trustees Greely Institute, int. on 12,000, 6,000 2,000, 500 and $300 notes,	624 00
	$2,388 82
Sum raised by town,	2,385 62
Balance against town,	$3 20

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid G. W. Morrill, hauling stone,	$25 50
O. A. Mountfort, labor on highway,	9 65
" " gravel for highway,	5 00
" " bridge plank,	4 17
E. D. Merrill, labor on road,	2 10
N. D. Farwell, " "	4 00
C. E. Herrick, " "	8 50
R. H. McQuillan & Co., bridge plank,	3 83
Isaiah Mansfield, labor on culvert, etc.,	18 29
C. A. Merrill, bridge plank,	11 95
Legrow Bros., "	3 92
Eben Hulit & Co., rebuilding bridge,	311 00
Leighton & Wilson, bridge plank, etc.,	19 47
Wilson & Leighton, " " "	20 10
Wm. Russell, labor on highway,	1 75
D. R. Allen, " "	11 45
Wm. M. Merrill, " "	29 00
Alfred Russell, " bridge,	1 50
H. Eaton, moving fence on road,	5 00
Jacob Merrill, labor on highway,	1 50
Wm. S. Blanehard, labor on highway,	8 60
	$506 28
Amount raised by town,	350 00
Balance against town,	$156 28

SNOW BILLS.

Paid E. D. Merrill,	$10 02
F. N. Doughty,	6 55
John S. Sawyer,	4 93
Wm. Seabury,	9 23
Henry Nelson, 1882,	4 50
John N. Farwell,	12 08
O. A. Mountfort,	12 67
John Hulit,	20 14
Dennis Winslow,	32 64
N. D. Farwell,	10 00
Sewall Whitney,	9 72
J. W. Shaw,	15 98
S. L. Clough,	36 80
Blanchard Bros.,	2 98
M. Donahue,	2 25
Geo. Blanchard & Co.,	9 50
Q. P. S. Dyer,	17 62
Wm. Russell,	12 85
Geo. R. Leighton,	8 10
Alvin Leighton,	23 30
Wm. M. Merrill,	5 35
	$267 21
Amount raised by town,	200 00
Balance against town,	$67 21

ISLAND ROAD.

Paid Wm. Seabury, building road,	$ 64 41
Amount raised by town,	150 00
Balance in favor of town,	$85 59

CONTINGENT BILLS.

Paid John A. Hamiltcn, services as constable, 1882,		$ 3 00
L. E. Cram. recording 10 tax deeds,		5 00
David Goodenow, services as superintendent of burying ground,		4 50
Wm. M. Marks, printing 350 town reports,		19 00
N. D. Farwell, ½ cord wood for office,		3 25
Trustees Greely Institute, money received from State in aid of free high schools,		250 00
L. E. Cram, list of mortgages,		3 00
A. L. Dresser, books and stationery,		14 00
Joseph Harris, express bill, &c.,		3 75
Levi Lufkin, services as constable,		4 00
J. A. Blanchard, resident taxes, bought by town,		49 13
Wm. L. Prince, services as auditor,		2 00
W. E. Wilson, surveying road,		1 50
D. L. Blanchard, services as superintendent of burying ground,		4 00
D. L. Blanchard, services as town clerk,		21 08
Geo. Blanchard & Co., burying ground fence,		7 80
John A. Hamilton, services as constable,		3 00
E. W. Hamilton, collecting taxes for 1882,		26 00
C. M. Hamilton, services as selectman, assessor, &c.,		12 50
H. E. Sawyer, services as supervisor of schools,		38 80
S. T. Merrill, services as treasurer.		40 00
Joseph Harris, services as selectman, assessor, &c.,		75 00
Blanchard Bros., as per bill,		6 84
E. L. Blanchard, as per bill,		42
C. H. Blanchard, attending funerals with hearse,		14 05
N. M. Shaw, services as selectman, assessor, &c.,		85 37
C. F. Libby, Esq., legal advice for 1883,		12 00
J. A. Blanchard, collecting taxes,		130 00
		$838 99
Amount raised by town,	$900 00	
Amount received from State,	250 00	1,150 00
Balance in favor of town,		$311 01

TAXES ABATED, 1883.

Abated on lists of J. A. Blanchard, by vote of town,		$19 98
" " by selectmen,		3 20
" " "		67 60
E. W. Hamilton, "		8 40
		$99 18

SUMMARY.

Amount assessed for poor,	$1,250 00	exp.	$1,339 66
Notes and interest,	2,385 62		2,388 82
Roads and bridges,	350 00		506 28
Island road,	150 00		64 41
Snow bills,	200 00		267 21
Contingent,	900 00		838 99
Collectors' prem.,	194 64		
Overlay,	400 81		
Highway deficiencies, 1882,	51 20		
Supplement,	43 12		
	$5,925 39		$5,405 37
Amount received from State,	250 00	abats.,	99 18
	$6,175 39		$5,504 55
	5,504 55		
Balance in favor of town,	$670 84		

LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	$ 650 00
Greely Institute,	20,800 00
Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due school districts,	956 63
Outstanding bills, estimated,	200 00
Town orders unpaid,	575 47
	$24,059 10

ASSETS.

Balance due from treasurer, as per his report,	$7,165 67
on tax deeds,	626 81
State, for schools,	891 90
John Jones' bank book, in treasurer's hands,	165 24
	$8,849 62
	$15,209 48

The following abatements have been made for the year 1883.

Names,	Date of Asst.,	Cause,	Poll,	R. E.,	P. E.,	Vote of Town.
Chadwick, Francis E.	1880,	Poverty,	$3.00			$3.00
Cobb, Lorenzo	"	"	3.00			3.00
Doughty, Issacher	"	"	3.00			3.00
McKenney, Loren	"	"	3.00		.70	3.00
Webber, Simeon	"	"	3.00		1.00	4.00
Thompson, Charles,	"	"	3.00		.28	3.28
						By Selectmen.
Baston, Mary	1881,	Poverty,		3.00		3.00
Cressy, Lorenzo	"	"	2.00			2.00
Lufkin, Charles L.	"	Not tax.,	2.00			2.00
Crosby, E. H.	"	"	2.00			2.00
McKeen, Horace,	"	Poverty,	2.00		1.20	3.20
Swan, Albert N.	"	"	1.00			1.00
Hanscomb, John W.	"	"	2.00			2.00
Swett, Alvin	"	Non-res.,	2.00			2.00
Hamilton, Jeremiah H.	"	"	2.00		16.20	18.20
Ross, Geo. B.	"	Death	2.00			2.00
Smith, Wm.	"	"	2.00			2.00
Thompson, Charles	"	Poverty,	2.00	8.70	.30	11.00
Doughty, heirs of Asa	"	"		6.00	2.20	8.20
" Issacher	"	"	1.00			1.00
Underwood, Joseph	"	"	2.00			2.00
" "	1880,	"	3.00			3.00
Hanscomb, John	"	"	3.00			3.00
Mack, Eliza A.	"	"		4.16		4.16
Small, Hannah E.	"	"		4.00	.24	4.24
McKearney, Mary	"	Over val.,		3.20		3.20

N. M. SHAW,
JOSEPH HARRIS,
C. M. HAMILTON,
} *Selectmen of Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

M. W. PEARSON,
Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in treasury March, 1883,	$6,110 58
Assessors' commitments, 1883,	7,220 59
Received from state for schools,	877 57
" " in aid of free high school,	125 00
" Cumberland school fund,	102 62
" State Treasurer R. R. tax, 1883,	7 00
" for tax deeds redeemed,	136 78
" of W. S. Blanchard, old bridge plank,	5 00
" of dog tax as per vote of town,	10 75
	$14,595 89
Paid out town orders,	7,430 22
Balance due the town,	$7,166 67

Due from J. A. Blanchard, collector,	$6,242 68
" E. W. Hamilton, "	192 52
" Chas. E. Herrick, "	121 84
" Alvin Leighton, "	164 75
" non-resident 1877 tax,	12 15
" " 1878 "	6 50
" " 1879 "	14 80
" " Savings Bank aid for high sch'l,	125 00
Cash to Balance,	285 43
	$7,165 67

S. T. MERRILL, *Treasurer of Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the treasurer's account for the year ending February 22d, 1884, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

M. W. PEARSON, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of Greely Institute.

The Fall Term of school commenced August 27, with Mr. F. E. Parlin, principal, and O. C. Farrington, B. S., teacher of Natural Sciences, and E. P. Sawyer, assistant, and continued eleven weeks. Number of pupils 57.

The winter term began Dec. 3d, under the continued charge of Mr. F. E. Parlin and O. C. Farrington, with Miss Etta M. Baker, assistant, and continued twelve weeks. Number of scholars, 64.

The Spring Term will begin March 3d.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	$12,000
" " " "	6,000
" " " "	2,000
Total,	$20,000

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For amount of Town of Cumberland Note,	$300 00
" " Cash on hand,	18 82
" " one year's interest on note,	18 00
	$336 82
Paid O. C. Farrington, apparatus and chemicals,	19 04
Cash to balance,	17 78
	36 82
Town of Cumberland Note,	$300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	$529 86
" " of May and November dividends,	24 07
	$553 93
Paid for books,	9 25
Amount in bank February 20, 1884,	$544 68

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For Town of Cnmberland Note,	$500 00
amount in Portland Savings Bank,	24 00
due on tuition book,	159 50
cash balance in Portland Savings Bank,	62 43
	$745 93

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid Geo. W. Morrill, hauling wood,	$1 00
Wm, M. Marks, printing reports,	5 00
W. A. Hoyt, teaching winter term,	$325 00
" " " school supplies,	11 54
O. C. Farrington, teaching winter term,	100 00
E. I. Sawyer, " " "	65 00
" " " care of building, &c.,	21 50
E. S. W. Jones, hauling coal,	1 75
Tucker Printing House, catalogues, &c.,	28 00
L. & L. F. Walker, coal,	7 55
S. K. Hitchings, desk for laboratory,	2 50
Burbank, Douglass & Co., water jar,	1 50
Wilsons & Leighton, slabs,	1 12
L. & L. F. Walker, coal,	97 50
J. R. Duran, hauling coal,	19 50

Paid F. E. Parlin, teaching, fall term,	275 00
" school supplies,	15 58
O. C. Farrington, school supplies,	2 50
" teaching,	110 00
E. I. Sawyer, "	60 00
J. M. Shaw, care of building,	20 00
Legrow Bros., 1 door,	1 70
P. B. Rideout, labor on seats,,	3 38
W. F. Fuller, 1 stove,	11 00
Union School Furniture Co., seats for school room,	282 00
E. S. W. Jones, labor on seats,	5 25
A. W. Sliaw, hauling slabs,	1 00
C. H. Blanchard, as per bill,	2 54
J. M. Doughty, labor on seats,	4 00
E. B. Robinson, tuning piano,	2 00
N. M. Shaw, labor on seats,	1 50
Fred H. Morrill, 1 cord wood,	5 50
Walter E. Morrill, care of building,	22 00
N. M. Shaw, services as trustee,	20 00
J. S. Adams & Son, as per bill,	25
Blanchard Bros., as per bill,	7 97
F. E. Parlin, school supplies,	18 13
" teaching, winter term,	300 00
O. C. Farrington " "	120 00
Etta M. Baker, " "	96 00
Joseph Harris, services as trustee and labor,	8 50
Osgood & Dunn, as per bill,	2 81
Cash, to balance in Portland Savings Bank,	62 43
	$2,149 50

By	Cash from Portland Savings Bank,	200 00
	Cash from treasurer, in aid of free high schools,	250 00
	Tuitions, spring term,	106 50
	Int. on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and $500, town notes,	615 00
	Tuitions, fall term,	57 00
	Cash from Portland Savings Bank,	225 00
	Int. on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and $500 town notes,	615 00
	Tuitions, winter term,	63 50
	Cash from lectures,	17 50
		$2,149 50

N. M. SHAW,
JOSEPH HARRIS,
CLINTON M. HAMILTON,
} Trustees of *Greely Institute.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

M. W. PEARSON,
Auditor.

School Report.

Fellow Citizens:

It gives me pleasure to report to you, that, compared with country schools in general, ours have achieved very good success during the past year. The agents have exercised much care in the selection of their teachers and in most cases they have been very fortunate in their choice. Some of our schools, however, both this year and previousiy, have labored under the *disadvantage* of a *change* of *teachers* every term. If the agents of these districts would make it a point, in the future, in the first place to secure the best teachers at their command and then to retain them so long as efficient and faithful, their schools would enjoy a much greater prosperity than they have in the past. Teacher and scholars can work together at much greater advantage after becoming acquainted, and, furthermore, a better class of teachers can be secured for permanent situations.

Warren's Geographies have been exchanged for Harper's, a book which, as all will agree, I think, on comparing the two, is much superior to Warren's, especially in the design and coloring of its maps and in the aptness of its illustrations. Before criticising your eupervisor too severely, I beg you to consider that, though some expense was involved in the change, the majority of the scholars exchanged old books badly worn and out of date for new books well worth the expense.

In the future there will be a great saving as Harper's Geographies are sold at least twenty per cent. lower than Warren's. Harper Bros. have agreed to furnish persons in town with

their geographies at 80 cts. for the large one and 35 cts. for the small one so long as they are used here. The prices of Warren's Geographies are $1.25 for the large one and 55 cts. for the small one.

Blanchard Bros., Cumberland Centre, and Hamilton & Co., Chebeague, will keep Harper's Geographies for sale.

RESOURCES OF SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by the town,	$1,295 20
" received from the state,	891 90
" " " town fund,	102 62
	$2,289 72

No of Dist.	No. of Scholars.	Money.	20 per cent.	Total.
1	20	$69 00	$50 00	$119 00
2	48	165 60	60 00	225 60
3	76	262 20	——	262 20
4	48	165 60	55 00	220 60
5	46	158 70	60 00	218 70
6	10	34 50	25 00	59 50
7	41	141 45	25 00	166 45,
8	96	331 20	13 92	345 12
9	135	466 75	5 00	470 75
10	3	10 35	——	10 35
11	5	17 25	——	17 25
12	4	13 80	——	13 80
13	25	86 25	50 00	136 25
Ter. not in any district	7	24 15	——	24 15

Amount of money per scholar.

Dist. No. 1, $9 50	Dist. No. 8, $3 59
" " 2, 4 70	" " 9, 3 49
" " 3, 3 45	" " 10, 3 45
" " 4, 4 59†	" " 11, 3 45
" " 5, 4 75†	" 12, 3 45
" " 6, 5 95	" 13, 5 45
" " 7, 4 06	Territory not in any district, 3 45

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Agent, John D. Blanchard. Teacher for the year, Ellen Blanchard.

This school is small but at each of my visits I found Miss B. laboring faithfully to secure the best results possible and I am happy to say that she was, in my opinion, entirely successful.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Agent, George H. Moxcey. Teacher for the summer term, Nellie Lambert.

Miss L. maintained good order and accomplished good work in her school. I think parents were well satisfied with her.

Teacher of winter term, Fred L. Sawyer.

Parents were visitors.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Agent, F. S. Blancharcl. Teacher for the year, Marguerite A. Graneries.

Miss G. is a teacher of much experience and understands how to impart instruction and to train her pupils to study and think methodically.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Agent, Josiah Morrill. Teacher of summer term, Georgia Pinkham.

Though Miss P. had not the age and experience that the best interests of the school demanded, she nevertheless did very good work. She is an excellent scholar and I think will make a very successful teacher.

Teacher of fall term, Celia E. Whitney.

Teacher of winter term, S. Ellen Brackett.

Both of these teachers are experienced and competent and they were very successful in their schools.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Agent, Henry Leighton. Teacher for the summer term, Alice E. Wilson.

Miss W. has had but little experience but her order was good and the scholars industrious, and, had she aroused a little more enthusiasm, her success would have been excellent.

Teacher of fall and winter terms, Alma M. Brackett.

Miss B. is a teacher of much experience and has taught several terms in this school before. Her success is well known. I may say, however, that her discipline was good and she appeared to have the entire good will and confidence of her pupils.

Through the efforts of Miss B. and individuals in the district, her school room has been made the neatest and most cheerful of any in town. Several of our districts might invest some of their school money very profitably in like improvements.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Agent, Fred P. Blanchard.

This school is under the supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Agent, S. T. Merrill. Teacher for the year, Lilla Scales.

Miss S. is an sxperienced and qonscientious teacher. She labored hard to secure thoroughness in all the branches taught, and with good success. A little stricter discipline, however, would have been an improvement. I am glad to learn that the school building in this district is to be repaired soon. The school room certainly has a very dreary appearance, and there are not a sufficient number of blackboards, and what there are. are too high for most of the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 8—CHEBEAGUE.

Agent, James E. Mansfield. Teacher of summer term, Dora S. Rose.

Miss R. is a young teacher, and did not secure so good discipline as is desirable, yet she seemed to have the good will of the scholars and to accomplish very good work.

Teacher of fall term, C. A. Preble, a very experienced and successful teacher, and this district appears to appreciate her, as they have employed her for several terms before. I was entirely satisfied with her school.

Teacher for winter term, James F. Mansfield.

Mr. M.'s school appeared well when I visited it, and the pupils seemed disposed to make the most of their opportunities. It is safe to say, that Mr. M. accomplished about as much as could be done in a school-building so thoroughly unfit for the purpose as the one he occupied. A new building is the great need of this district.

District No. 9—Chebeague.

Agent, Rufus Soule. Teacher of summer terms, Alma M. Brackett.

Miss B. has already been mentioned in these pages as teacher in No. 5. Her school appeared very well though the number of pupils was too large for her (or any one) to do herself entire justice.

Teacher of fall and winter terms, Ammi R. Littlefield.

Mr. L.'s excellent qualifications and success as a teacher are well known. His school mas entirely successful.

The school-room is too small to accommodate the scholars in this district. I beg leave to suggest a remedy.

If this district and No. 8, could arrange to form a union school located in the middle of the Island to be devoted to the instruction of the more advanced scholars of both districts, they would derive much greater advantages from their school money.

They could then devote the existing schools entirely to pupils pursuing primary and intermediate studies and thus relieve them of their present crowded condition. I am in-

formed that there is an unoccupied church building conveniently located for this purpose, which might be obtained arid put into a condition suitable for a school at a very small expense.

DISTRICT No. 10—HOPE ISLAND.

Agent, J. B. Osgood.

There has been no school in this district this year.

DISTRICT No. 11—CROTCH ISLAND.

There has been no agent in this district, and so of course no school this year. Neither this district nor No. 10 has had any school for two years. Something should be done that the scholars there should not be neglected in the future. I think it would be for the advantage of all concerned as we have no school-building on Crotch Island, if arrangements could be made with Portland for a union school there to be under the supervision of that city.

DISTRICT No. 12.

The scholars in this district attend school in Falmouth.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Agent, A. H. Farris. Teacher for the year, Margaret S. Drinkwater.

This district has been fortunate in securing the services of Miss D. While maintaining good order she has the tact to make her pupils happy and interested in their work. Her patrons have reason to be well satisfied with her success.

HIGH SCHOOL.

There was no spring term of High School this year at Greely Institute. It is to be hoped that the experiment of having but two terms for the year has been tried for the last time.

The fall term opened under the instruction of F. E. Parlin,

assisted by O. C. Parrington and E. I. Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer resigned at the end of this term and Miss Baker was elected to succeed him.

All the teachers have been faithful and efficient in the discharge of their duties, and the school has progressed very successfully. The efforts of the trustees to keep up the sciedtific department of the school can not be too highly appreciated.

If some arrangements could be made to follow the prescribed course of study more closely, it would be a great advantage to the school.

Respectfully,

HORACE E. SAWYER,
Supervisor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS,

AND

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

OF THE

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

BOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1885

PORTLAND, ME.:
WILLIAM M. MARES, PRINTER.
1885.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

To F. S. Blanchard, a Constable of the Town of Cumberland, in the County of Cumberland.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Cumberland. qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on the second day of March, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

First. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Third. To hear and act upon the report of the selectmen, assessors, overseers of poor, treasurer and supervisor of schools.

Fourth. To hear and act upon the report of the treasurer of the Cumberland School Fund.

Fifth. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintainance and support of schools, and the poor and repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the 'ensuing year.

Sixth. To see if the town will grant and raise money for the payment of town notes and Interest.

Seventh. To hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of Greely Institute.

Eighth. To see if the town will accept the road, as laid out by the selectmen, from the town road by J. E. Jenks' Hotel to the landing.

Ninth. To see if the town will accept the road, as laid

out by the selectmen, from the town road to Joseph F. Curit's land.

Tenth. To see if the town will accept the road, as laid out by the selectmen, from E. S. W. Jones' land to the Harris Road.

Eleventh. To see if the town will discontinue the road from James N. Leighton's house to the Old Rufus Morrison House.

Twelfth. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received from the State in aid of the Free High Schools.

Thirteenth. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a school house on Crotch Island.

Fourteenth. To hear and act on the request of any collector for abatement of taxes.

Fifteenth. To see what action the town will take in relation to real estate bid in by the town for taxes.

Sixteenth. To see if the town will give the treasurer or or some one else authority to sell and convey real estate bid in by the town.

Seventeenth. To hear and act upon the request of N. B. Wilson, to be set off from School District No. 5 with his property and annexed to District No. 4.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the applications of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the Town House, at eight o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1885.

N. M. SHAW,
E. D. MERRILL, } *Selectmen of Cumberland.*

Selectmen and Assessors' Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED, 1884.

For State Tax,		$2,229 99
County Tax,		324 91
Schools,	$1,295 20	
Support of Poor,	1,250 00	
Notes and Interest,	1,335 62	
Roads and Bridges,	400 00	
Building Road,	300 00	
Contingent Bills,	900 00	
Collector's Premium,	142 78	
Overlay,	201 02	
Unpaid Highway,	19 28½	
Supplementary,	12 00	
		$5,855 90½
Total Assessment,		**$8,410** 808

Total Valuation, **$652,480.**
No. of Polls, **444.**
Rate of Taxation, 11½ mills on a dollar.
Poll Tax, **$2.00.**

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid S. E. Root, M. D.,	$ **45 33**
M. A. Drinkwater, board of Kennedy,	**21 25**
E. B. Shaw, " " Mary Wyman,	**39 00**
B. **J.** Thompson, " " Betsey Hamilton,	**25 00**
Mrs. **W.** Titcomb, " " Olive Titcomb,	***44* 00**
C. T. Moulton, M. D., for C. W. Ramsdell,	**5** 00
" " " " George Kennedy,	**13 50**
M. **A.** Drinkwater, board of " "	***19* 00**
Tr. Insane Hospital, " " insane persons,	**137 15**

Paid M. A. Drinkwater, board of Kennedy, etc.,	10	00
E. B. Shaw, " " Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
M. M. Leighton, " " Anna Merrill,	39	00
E. B. Sham, " " Mary Wyman,	39	00
Tr. Insane Hospital " " insane persons,	104	22
M. M. Leighton, " " Anna Merrill,	39	00
E. B. Shaw, " " Mary Wyman,	39	00
" " " " Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, " " Olive Titcomb,	44	50
Joseph F. Hamilton, grave for James Bryan,	4	00
B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	26	00
E. B. Shaw, " Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
M. M. Leighton, " Anna Merrill,	39	00
Tr. Insane Hospital," Sweetser and Eaton,	56	87
E. B. Shaw, " Mary Wyman,	39	00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, " O. Titcomb,	36	00
Hamilton & Co., care of D. Bennett,	62	50
David Ross, " " " "	5	00
Webber & Hamilton, labor for " "	8	50
E. B. Shaw, board, etc, of Rufus Stubbs,	49	00
M. M. Leighton, " " Anna Merrill,	39	00
Martha Mitchell, care of D. Bennett,	50	00
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Sweetser and Eaton,	61	94
O. S. Thomes, supplies for Kennedy,	3	85
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39	00
M. P. Sweetser, fitting up place for tramps,	10	00
N. M. Shaw, keeping two tramps,	1	00
	$1,311	61
Amount raised by town,	1.250	00
Balance against town,	$61	61

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Wm. M. Merrill, int. on note,	$ 15 00
" " " note and int.,	673 00
Tr. of Greely Institute, ½ year's int. on notes,	624 00
" Cumberland School Fnnd, int. on note,	52 62
" of Greely Institute, ½ year's int. on notes,	624 00
	$1,988 62
Amount raised by town,	1,335 62
Bal. against town,	$653 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid M. W. Pearson, bridge stringers,	$2 50
Mrs. J. Hicks, " plank,	1 69
H. H. Herrick, labor,	1 00
Wm. S. Blanchard, "	7 20
Joseph Sawyer, "	11 48
F. W. Blanchard, "	18 49
Geo. W. Morrill, "	36 53
C. A. Merrill, bridge plank,	9 30
Eben Hulit, labor,	1 50
Blanchard & Mountfort, rebuilding culvert,	123 00
Mary W. Dyer, land damage for road,	15 00
Heirs of Moses Haskell, labor,	4 00
D. L. Blanchard, labor on culvert,	12 25
S. P. Powell, " " "	22 50
Geo. C. Porter, " " "	7 50
John Webber, land damage for road,	35 00
W. L. Merrill, stone, &c.,	1 30
F. S. Blanchard, labor on culvert;	21 00
O. A. Mountfort, gravel,	10 00
E. G. Prince, bridge stringers and plank,	16 38
LeGrow Bros., lumber,	10 24
J. M. Haskell, pickaxe,	1 50
J. S. Adams & Son, as per bill,	2 25
W. H. Wilson, bridge plank,	28 60
Town of Falmouth, use of derrick,	3 38
J. Morrill, hauling stone, derrick, &c.,	14 00
E. D. Merrill, labor on bridge,	1 50
	$419 09
Sum raised by town,	400 00
Balance against town,	$19 09

SNOW BILLS.

Paid S. L. Strout,	$ 8 10
N. Thompson,	10 70
Wm. T. Littlefield,	33 45
F. N. Doughty,	5 73
David Peterson,	6 25
Wm. L Bennett,	33 05
Albert Mountfort,	19 56
E. S. W. Jones,	16 93
Seward L. Field,	8 75
Charles S. Gmffam,	15 50
D. R. Allen,	10 29
N. L. Merrill,	20 25
Wm. S. Blanchard,	7 17
F. W. Blanchard,	14 00
L. D. Farwell,	15 15
S. Whitney,	9 93
J. W. Shaw,	14 70
E. Libby,	2 48
J. F. Copp,	2 48
S. Jones,	2 40
I. Mansfield,	13 31
Wm. Russell,	3 85
Alvin Leighton,	2 77
C. A. Merrill,	1 13
Wm. M. Merrill,	10 05
Geo. W. Morrill,	15 97
	$303 95

NEW ROAD.

Paid Blanchard & Russell, building road,	$300 00
" Eli Russell, land damage,	50 00
Blanchard & Russell, railings, etc.,	38 00
	$388 00
Sum raised by town,	300 00
Bal. against town,	$88 00

CONTINGENT BILLS.

P'd S. T. Merrill, Tr., non-res. taxes bid in by town,	$101 37
" David Goodenow, work in burying ground.	5 00
" D. L. Blanchard, services as constable,	5 00
" Wm. M. Marks, printing town reports,	16 00
" Abbie Ramsdell, damage to wagon,	10 00
" M. W. Pearson, services as auditor,	1 50
" H. Fox, correcting marine list,	3 00
" D. R. Allen, services as moderator,	2 00
" S. B. Clough, " " supt. of burying ground,	6 00
" J. A. Blanchard, res. taxes bid in by town,	120 17
" L. E. Cram, recording tax deeds,	8 00
" Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, book, &c.,	10 80
" Trustees of Greely Institute, amt. rec'd from state,	251 58
" E. W. Hamilton, res. taxes bid in by town.	74 56
" C. H. Blanchard, attending funerals,	3 25
" Eastern Argus, adv.,	2 25
" Portland Pub. Co., adv.,	2 25
" L. Leighton, removing bodies,	2 50
" Silas Skillin, surveying road,	2 00
" Town of No. Yarmouth, running town line,	3 00
" O. S. Thomes, postage, &c.,	5 00
" F. S. Blanchard, services as constable,	20 00
" " " attending funerals,	20 00
" D. L. Blanchard, supt. of burying ground,	6 00
" " " services as town clerk,	22 27
" Chas. F. Libby, legal advice,	9 00
" Symonds & Libby, "	11 00
" S. T. Merrill, selling and conveying property,	2 00
" " " services as treasurer,	40 00
" " " non-res. taxes charged twice,	11 50
" E. D. Merrill, services as supervisor of schools,	65 86
" " " " as selectman, assessor, &c.,	86 81
" N. M. Shaw, " " " "	95 18
" J. A. Blanchard, collector's premium,	100 00
" C. E. Herrick, " in full,	21 94
	$1,146 79

Amount raised by town,	$900 00	
" received from, State,	251 58	
		$1,151 58
Balance in favor of town,		**$4 79**

TAXES ABATED, 1884.

Abated on lists of E. W. Hamilton, by selectmen,		$ 6 41
" " J. A. Blanchard, by vote of town,		39 82
" " " " by selectmen,		29 22
" " A. Leighton, by vote of town,		21 49
" " C. E. Herrick, " "		51 19
		$148 13

SUMMARY

Amount assessed for poor,	$1,250 00	expended,	$1,311 61
" notes and interest,	1,335 62	"	1,988 62
" roads and bridges,	400 00		419 09
" new road,	300 00		388 00
" snow bills,			303 95
" contingent,	900 00		1,146 79
" collector's premium,	142 78		
" overlay,	201 02		
Highway deficiencies,	19 28½		
Supplement,	12 00		
	$4,560 70½		$5,558 06
Amount rec'd from State,	251 58	abtetn'ts,	148 13
	$4,812 28½		$5,706 19
Balance against town,			$893 90½

LIABILITIES.

Notes due Greely Institute,	$20,800 00
Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due School Districts,	572 44
Outstanding bills estimated,	150 00
Town orders unpaid,	1,085 09
	$23,484 53

ASSETS.

Balance due from Treasurer, as per his report,	$6,281 72
on tax deeds,	719 35
from State, for schools,	874 59
John Jones' bank book, in Treasurer's hands,	171 04
	$8,046 70
	$15,437 83

The following abatements have been made for the year 1884 by selectmen :

Names.	Date of Asst.,	Cause.	Poll.	R. E.	P. E.	
Doughty, A. J.	1882,	Poverty,	$2.00		$4.41	$6.41
Drinkwater, A. F.	1881,	"			3.08	3.08
Baston, Mary	1882,	"		$2.40		2.40
Holme, Jonas	"	"	2.00			2.00
Hicks, Ervin E.	"	Non-res.,	2.00			2.00
Merrill, Rufus L.		"	2.00			2.00
Waldron, Nelson	"	Poverty,	2.00			2.00
Winslow, Wm. L.	"	Non-res.,	2.00			2.00
" " "	"	"	2,00			2.00
Prince, Wm. G.	"	'	2.00			2.00
St. Clair, Herbert	"	without prop.,		2.10		2.10
Herrick, C. E.	'			7.00		7.00

N. M. SHAW,
E. D. MERRILL,
C. M. HAMILTON,
} *Selectmen of Cumberland.*

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. P. STURDLVANT, ***Auditor.***

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in treasury, March, 1884,	$ 7,165 67
Assessor's commitments, 1884,	5,855 90
Received from State for schools,	891 90
" " " in aid of free high school,	251 58
" " Cumberland school fund,	102 62
" for tax deeds redeemed,	140 59
" of E. F. Rowe for lowering culvert,	8 00
	$14,416 26
Paid out town orders,	8,134 54
Balance due the town,	$6,281 72

Due from M. P. Sweetser, collector,	$3,687 90
" " J. A. Blanchard, "	2,017 80
" " E. W. Hamilton, "	30 74
" " Chas. E. Herrick, "	121 84
" " Alvin Leighton, "	164 75
" " non-resident 1877 tax,	9 75
" " " " 1878 "	3 90
" " " " 1879 "	8 30
" " Savings Bank aid for high school.	125 00
Cash to balance,	111 74
	$6,281 72

S. T. MERRILL,
Treasurer of Cumberland.

This certifies that I have examined the Treasurer's account for the pear ending February 20, 1885, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. P. STUBTIVANT,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The spring term of school commenced March 3d, under the continued charge of Mr. F. E. Parlin, principal, O. C. Farrington, B. S., teacher of sciences and Miss Etta M. Raker, assistant, and continued ten weeks. Number of pupils, 60.

The fall term began August 25th with Mr. Parlin, principal, and Mr. E. E. Hatch. teacher of sciences, and continued twelve weeks. Number of scholars, 49.

The winter term began Dec. 1, with Mr. Parlin, principal, and Mr. L. W. Riggs, teacher of sciences. Number of pupils 61, continuing eleven weeks.

The spring term begins March 2d.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	$12,000
" " " "	6,000
" " " "	2,000
Total,	$20,000

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,		$300 00
" cash on hand,		17 78
" one year's int. on note.		18 00
		$335 78
Paid O. C. Farrington, apparatus, &c.,	$16 79	
Cash to balance,	18 99	
		$35 78
Town of Cumberland note,		300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,		$544 68
" " of May and Nov. dividends,		24 75
		$569 43
Paid for rebinding books,	$5 77	
" " new books,	6 00	
		$11 77
Amount in bank,		$557 66

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$500 00
" amount due on tuition book,	40 50
" cash balance,	14 72
	$555 22

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid	Wm. M. Marks, printing reports,	$ 5 00
"	F. E. Parlin, teaching spring term,	250 00
"	" " school supplies,	4 65
"	O. C. Farrington, teaching,	100 00
"	Etta M. Baker, "	75 00
"	W. E. Morrill, janitor,	20 00
"	W. D. Little & Co., insurance,	85 00
"	Tucker Printing House, catalogues,	17 50
"	L. & L. F. Walker, coal,	16 25
"	E. L. Blanchard, as per bill,	20 33
"	" " coal,	130 35
"	F. H. Frost, janitor,	20 00
"	E. E. Hatch, teaching,	144 00
"	" " chemicals, etc.,	2 84
"	F. E. Parlin, teaching fall term.	309 09
"	F. E. Parlin, circulars, etc.,	1 47
"	Annie M. Eaton, cleaning building,	1 50
"	S. A. Stone, tuning piano,	2 00
"	L. W. Riggs, teaching winter term,	132 00
"	Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, maps, &c.,	19 60
"	A. R. Alexander, grate for furnace,	7 30
"	S. M. Rideout, setting glass,	75
"	F. E. Parlin, teaching winter term,	283 33
"	F. E. Parlin, supplies,	3 12
"	W. O. Parlin, janitor,	20 00
"	O. S. Thomes, as per bill,	3 75
"	A. A. Sweetser, hauling coal,	3 75
"	Joseph Harris, note and interest,	62 70
"	Wm. M. Merrill, note arid interest,	101 50
"	Osgood & Dunn, as per bill,	2 65
"	E. D. Merrill, services as trustee,	4 50
"	N. M. Shaw, " "	15 00
	Cash to balance,	14 72
		$1,879 05

By Cash from Town Treasurer, in aid of free high schools,	$251	58
" Tuitions, spring term,	39	50
" Cash from J. Harris, loan,	60	00
" Cash from P. Savings Bank,	86	97
" Int on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and $500 town notes,	615	00
" Tuitions, fall term,	57	00
" Cash from Wm. M. Merrill, loan,	100	00
" Tuitions, winter term,	54	00
" Int. on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and $500 town notes,	615	00
	$1,879	05

N. M. SHAW,
E. D. MERRILL,
C. M. HAMILTON,
Trustees of Greely Institute.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. P. STURDIVANT. Auditor.

School Report.

Citizens of Cumberland:

In presenting our report for the year ending March 1, 1885, we shall not presume to say just what the people should do to make the schools profitable, only we would urge parents to take an interest in the schools, and show the scholars that they are interested. In looking over the registers of summer teachers, we find that while some schools have been visited by the citizens, in others, not one of the parents has entered the school room. This is not as it should be, for how can you know what your school is, unless you visit it. Certainly, you can judge whether or not your own children improve, but that is not proof of what the teacher is. We know that some aver that the scholar shows what the teacher is; and it is partly true, but certainly it is quite as safe to judge the parent by the child, and that might not always be agreeable. We propose to speak briefly of the different terms of school held in this town during the past year, as in our judgment they are deserving; and while others might think differently, we hope all will credit us with honest intention at least, although we make no attempt at brilliancy.

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town,	$1,295 20
" received from town fund,	102 62
" " State school fund and mill tax,	874 59
Total for schools,	$2,272 41

APPORTIONMENT.

No. Dist.	No. Scholars.	15 per cent.	Total.
1	21	$45 41	$117 86
2	49	50 00	219 05
3	76		262 20
4	49	47 50	216 55
5	44	52 50	204 30
6	9	25 00	56 05
7	32	40 00	150 40
8	110	15 00	394 50
9	127	20 00	458 15
10	2		6 90
11	6		20 70
12	3		10 35
13	23	45 00	124 35
Ter. unincorporated,	9		31 05

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Agent, Francis Thompson. Spring term, Louie A. Quimby, teacher.

This school is very small, and composed chiefly of young scholars. Miss Q. did very fair work, especially with the reading lessons. The greatest trouble with the scholars seems to be carelessly answering without proper thought. The order of the school was very good, and the district received fair equivalent for money expended.

Winter term, Margaret S. Drinkwater, teacher.

Miss D. has had very good success as a teacher, and in this school "her home district" has sustained her reputation. She maintains good order, and the recitations at the close of term showed good improvement.

District No. 2.

Agent, Hollis Doughty. Spring term, Julia C. Duran, teacher.

At the commencement of the spring term this school was very promising. There are some very fine scholars in this district considering their ages, and their teacher seemed to know just how to drill them. The classes in Geography and some of Arithmetic classes showed thorough instruction. Oral exercises very good, but sickness toward the close of term lessened the attendance. This was undoubtedly a profitable term.

Winter term, G. H. Libby, teacher.

At the commencement of term we found the school noisy and unsatisfactory. At our last visit we found a quiet and pleasant school, and the recitations were highly pleasing. Have no fears of recommending Mr. L. as a teacher thorough in his iustructiou, and particularly adapted to the business of teaching school.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Agent, F. S. Blanchard. Spring term, Margaret S. Grannis, teacher.

Miss G.s' method of teaching is excellent. We were much pleased with the recitations especially in grammar. The order was not quite satisfactory.

Fall arid winter terms, Edith N. Rowe, teacher.

Miss Rowe is a young teacher, this being her second attempt. She is a fine ssholar, and with more experience will undoubtedly make a very good teacher. At the close of winter term we found that good improvement had been made, in order particularly.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Agent, M. W. Pearson. Teacher for the pear, S. Ellen Brackett.

This district did well in securing the services of Miss Brackett. She is a live teacher, and at each of our visits we found the teacher and pupils trying to work together. We wish the scholars could overcome their bashfulness and learn to speak louder. In deportment they are among the best.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Agent, Edward T. Hall. Spring term, Jessie A. Legrow, teacher.

This school has ranked among the best in town, and we think both teacher and scholars have done nicely. The recitations prompt, and no whispering observed.

Teacher of the fall and winter terms, Alma M. Brackett.

This teacher is so well known that little need be said of her. She sustained her reputation as one of the best. She has a class of scholars that abstain from whispering. Let teacher and scholars have the praise for this.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Agent, F. P. Blanchard. Under the supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Agent, Sylvanus Porter. Teacher for the year, Mellie H. McCollister.

This school is composed mostly of small scholars, and Miss M. is particularly adapted to teach such. Some young scholars showed excellent improvement in reading. Some recitations in geography among the older scholars were very satisfactory. We think this was a very good school, but stronger discipline in our opinion would have improved it.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Agent, Frank A. Hamilton. Teacher for the spring and fall terms, Addie S. Dunn.

This teacher was placed in the hardest position of any in town. At the commencement of the spring term, we found a school ungoverned, and from its appearance, should judge it had been so for some time. At each of our visits me found the school improving, and at the close of the fall term were satisfied that this school had done as good work as any in town. Miss D. has good methods of teaching, and as a disciplinarian, is one of the very best. Would that more of our teachers had determination equal.

Teacher for the winter term, Geo. W. Snow.

Mr. Snow has good qualifications for a teacher; his methods are interesting, yet plain. At the close of the term we found that good work had been performed. The order was as good as could be expected in so cold a school-room. This district is sadly in need of a new school-house.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Agent, S. F. Hamilton. Spring and fall terms, Mrs. I. E. Bennett and Mabel C. Hamilton, teachers.

This district school is so large that the citizens tried a new plan. They fitted the ante-room of the school building for a school room, and put all the smaller scholars in that, with Mabel C. Hamilton as teacher; this primary school numbered thirty scholars. Nearly all read in the first or second reader. We think fair work was accomplished and the plan of dividing the school was as good as anything practicable.

Mrs. Isabel E. Bennett, the teacher of the higher department, showed that she was capable of ranking in the first-class. She is a fine scholar and her methods of teaching were of the first order. There are some fine scholars in this school and we were very glad to see them so pleasant to their teacher, who had been a school-mate of theirs. Both teachers were in their home district and they did good work; so that we have not to go a long distance to find teachers, and often those at home will do as good work for us as any we might get from a distance.

Winter term, H. B. Mountfort, teacher.

This school was the largest of any in town taught by one teacher; but, Mr. M. undertook the task with a determination to do his duty faithfully, and if he has not accomplished *all* that was desired, his classes showed at our last visit that thorough work had been the motto. Mr. M. is a man of strict integrity, a first-class scholar and one who works hard, that his pupils may benefit thereby. The *order* was not quite *what* it should have been, yet, the recitations, that were a *general* review, mere satisfactory. We hope the large scholars

of this school will think of the part they performed and ask themselves if they did their best to have a school of the first-class. Some of the scholars did nobly, and to such we express our thanks.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Agent, J. B. Osgoocl.

There has been no school in this district this year.

DISTRICT NO. 11, CROTCH ISLAND.

No agent. As they have no school building in this district, we tried to make arrangements with Portland to form a school, but did not succeed, consequently there has been no school. It is a great pity that the children on this small island, should be so neglected. Cannot something be done for them?

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Agent, J. F. Copp.

Scholars in this district attend school in Falmouth.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Agent, J. A. Blanchard. Teacher for the year, M. S. Drinkwater.

Miss D. has taught this school before, and the district seem quite well satisfied with her. There were some quite interesting recitations at the close of the spring term. At the commencement of the fall term, some of the older scholars left to attend the High school, and as the school was quite small, we found the interest was not as good as it appeared at the close of the spring term.

TERRITORY UNINCORPORATED, COMPOSED OF MINISTERIAL, BATES AND STAVE ISLANDS.

Fall and winter terms, Will E. Frost, teacher.

This school was visited during the fall term by A. R. Littlefield. Mr. L. says that the school appeared well; that the young scholars seemed to be doing nicely, that good order was maintained, and his opinion was that Mr. Frost was doing

well for *that* school. The winter term bas not been visited, therefore, cannot report further.

HIGH SCHOOL.

There have been three terms of school the past year. Frank E. Parlin has had charge of the school as principal. The assistants for the spring term of 1884, were O. C. Farrington teacher of sciences, and Miss Etta Baker teacher of common English. At the close of spring term, the Trustees found it necessary to reduce expenses. As Mr. F. did not conclude to stay longer, Mr. E. E. Hatch from the State College at Orono, was elected to his place for the fall term. Mr. Hatch withdrew at close of that term and Mr. L. W. Riggs, from the same college at Orono, was called to fill the vacancy for the winter term. The teachers have proved themselves worthy of their positiou, and the *same* teachers are to continue the next term that will commence March 2d, 1885. We have visited the school twice in each term for the past year, and so far as we were capable of judging, should say that the teachers have been faithful in their labors. Fellow townsmen: this is your school, then why not improve its privileges, by sending your boys and girls there, that they may become educated. We wish that more interest were taken by the people in this institution. If you would know how matters are progressing therein, go and judge for yourselves. Do not rely on the judgment of any one person, or upon the report of scholars that may be prejudiced, but rather visit the school while in session, ut any *time*, without notice and see how well the teachers and scholars are prepared to receive visitors.

Before closing, we would suggest to the citizens that they elect a board of three (Superintending School Coin.) instead of a Supervisor, as, in our opinion, it would be better for the schools and more economical. We have put new readers into Districts 8 and 9 this year. Should the committee of the coming year decide to introduce readers on the main, we trust they will take the same book as that put in the island schools.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND D. MERRILL,
Supervisor.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS,

—AND—

Trustees of Greely Institute,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,

FOR THE—

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 20,1886.

PORTLAND, ME.
SOUTHWORTH BROS. & CO., PRINTERS.
1886.

WARRANT FOR TOWN-MEETING.

To Marcellus P. Sweetser, a Constable of the Town of *Cumberland*, in the County of *Cumberland*.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Cumberland, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on the first day of March, at 9 o'ck. in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

First. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Third. To hear and act upon the report of the selectmen, assessors, overseers of the poor, treasurer and superintending school committee.

Fourth. To hear and act upon the report of the treasurer of the Cumberland School Fund.

Fifth. To hear and act upon the report of the trustees of the Greely Institute.

Sixth. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Seventh. To raise money for the support of the poor.

Eighth. To raise money for the payment of town notes and interest.

Ninth. To raise money, or labor, or both, for the repair of highways, townways and bridges.

Tenth. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Eleventh. To raise money for payment of snow-bills.

Twelveth. To see if the town will purchase a farm, or otherwise p ovide a home for their poor.

Thirteenth. To see if the town will accept the road as laid out by the selectmen, from E. S. W. Jones' land, to the Harris road.

Fourteenth. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received from the State in aid of the free High Schools.

Fifteenth. To hear and act on the request of any collector for abatement of taxes.

Sixteenth. To see what action the town will take in relation to providing for a burying ground at the center of town.

Seventeenth. To hear and act upon the request of Levi T. Hall, to be set off from school District No. 7 with his property, and annexed to District No. 4.

Eighteenth. To hear and act upon the request of Jordan Brown, to be set off from school District No. 7 with his property, and annexed to District No. **3.**

Nineteenth. To receive bills against the town.

Twentieth. To see what action the town will take in regard to building new, or repairing fences around burying grounds in town.

Tweiity-first. To see if the t o m will adopt any code of by-laws relating to public health, or act upon anything relative thereto.

Twenty-second. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors, as prepared by their municipal officers, clerk and treasurer.

Twenty-third. To see what action the town will take, if any, in relation to a hearse for the use of the town.

Twenty-fourth. To see what action the town will take in regard to protection of the Clam Plats.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the applications of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the Town House, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth (20th.) day of February, **A.** D. 1886.

EDMUND D. MERRILL,
JOSEPH STARLING,
EDWARD ROSS.
} *Selectmen of Cumberland.*

Selectmen and Assessors' Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED, 1885,

For State Tax,	$2,090 87
County Tax,	324 91
Schools,	1,295 20
Support of Poor,	1,300 00
Notes and Interest,	1,300 62
Roads and Bridges,	1,000 00
Contingent Bills,	900 00
Collector's Premium,	148 55
Overlay,	10 29
Unpaid Highway,	67 84
Snow Bills for past year,	300 00
Supplementary,	8 18
Total Assessment,	$8,746 46

Total Valuation, $648,885.
No. of Polls, 446.
Rate of Taxation, 12 mills on a dollar.
Boll Tax, $2.00.

SUPPORT OF **POOR.**

Paid A. R. Littlefield, boots for Wm. Morton,	$ 3 0 0
Elenor Hamilton, board of B. Hammond,	32 50
Sylvanus Higgins, cutting wood for Bennett,	4 00
Hamilton & Co., burial expense of Bryan,	7 00
" " supplies for D. Bennett,	52 95
B. J. Thompson, board of Betsy Hamilton,	26 00
F. C. Dolley, certificate of insanity and visit,	8 00
City of Portland, board of Benj. Hammond,	17 86
Tr. of Insane Hospital, " Insane persons,	76 08

Town of Windham, supplies furnished E. B. Field,	57	51
Town of Freeport, supplies for J. H. Cobb,	12	46
Mrs. W. Titcomb, b'd and c'th'g of Olive Titcomb,	37	00
E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
Mrs. M. M. Leighton, " Anna Merrill,	39	00
Joseph Bennett, care of D. Bennett,	12	00
Solomon Hamilton, digging grave for Bennett,	3	00
Annie Hamilton, board of Benj. Hammond,	12	50
E. B. Shaw, " Mary Wyman,	39	00
Tr. Insane Hospital, " Sweetser, Eaton and Hicks,	73	12
Eleanor Hamilton, " B. Hammond,	10	00
Silas F. Hamilton, " "	17	50
S. F. Hamilton, wood for D. Bennett,	3	00
E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
Mrs. M. Coughlin, " Rachel Coffin,	12	00
Mrs. M. M. Leighton, " Anna Merrill,	39	00
Jas. M. Bates M. D., certificate of insanity,	5	00
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39	00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, " Olive Titcomb,	36	00
Martin B. Hamilton, cutting wood &c. for Bennett,	4	00
B. J. Thompson, board of Betsy Hamilton,	27	00
E. B. Shaw, " Rufus Stubbs,	39	00
Mrs. M. Coughlin, " Mrs. Coffin,	14	00
Tr. Insane Hospital, support of three patients,	111	60
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39	00
J. M. Drinkwater, aid in support of Albert Drinkwater and family,	34	07
Mrs. W. Titcomb, b'd and c'th'g of Olive Titcomb,	36	00
E. B. Shaw, " " Rufus Stubbs,	44	80
Mrs M. M. Leighton, " " Anna Merrill,	39	00
" " " " " "	39	00
J. M. Drinkwater, aid to Albert Drinkwater,	36	00
C. T. Moulton, M. D. certificate of insanity,	5	00
" " " care of Susie Clough,	17	00
" " " " Miss Dodd,	1	75
Tr. Insane Hospital, for insane .persons,	116	02

Eleanor Hamilton, board of B. Hammond,		90 00
Hamilton &. Co., supplies for D. Bennett,		7 45
" " board of B. Hammond,		2 50
Jacob R. Frost, " Abigail Johnson,		16 00
M. P. Swcetser, " Tramps,		3 00
	$1,475	17
Amount raised by town,	1,300	00
Balance against town,	$175	17

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Tr. of Greely Institute 1-2 year's int. on notes,	$624	00
Tr. of Greely Institute 1-2 year's int. on notes,	624	00
Tr. of Cumberland School Fund, int. on note,	52	62
	$1,300	62
Amount raised by town,	1,300	62

REPAIRS, ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Wm. T. Littlefield,	Dist. No. 22,	$4	96
A. M. Small,	" 15,	22	77
Hollis Doughty,	" 3,	39	00
R. H. Blanchard,	" 6,	35	87
E. S. W. Jones,	" 18,	16	85
David Peterson,	" 20,	29	25
E. S. W. Jones,	" 18,	8	53
S. L. Clough,	" 12,	22	75
L. D. Farwell,	" 5,	27	40
E. T. Hall,	" 11,	15	55
George R. Leighton,	" 17,	27	50
T. G. Chamberlin,	" 1,	5	00
Dennis Winslow,	" 13,	11	29
D. R. Allen,	" 9,	42	73
Nathaniel Thompson,	" 23,	52	50
S. L. Field,	" 2,	33	25
William Russell,	" 2,	19	95
E. S. W. Jones, building culvert,	" 18,	20	00

Paid N. L. Merrill,	Dist. No. 8,	47	45
D. R. Allen,	" 9,	14	36
Eli Russell,	" 17,	28	00
A. B. Wyman,	" 4,	44	40
Robert Goodenow,	" 1,	40	00
G. E. Herrick,	" 7,	57	25
Dennis Winslow,	" 13,	30	71
Samuel M. Brackett,	" 2,	22	25
Otis A. Montfort,	" 16,	28	30
Win. T. Littlefield,	" 22,	39	34
David Peterson,	" 20,	5	00
Isaiah Mansfield,	" 21,	33	50
Ai M. Small,	" 15,	3	30
George R. Leighton,	" 17,	1	90
		$830	91
Sum raised by,		1,000	00
Balance in favor of town,		$169	09

SNOW BILLS.

Paid Nathaniel Thompson,	Dist. No. 23,	$7	20
Samuel M. Brackett,	" 2,	10	60
Samuel M. Brackett,	" 2,	4	95
E. S. W. Jones,	" 18,	9	86
Leonard Flint,	" 15,	15	00
A. B. Wyman,	" 4,	20	03
M. W. Pearson,	" 10,	6	98
F. P. Blanchard,	" 13,	10	15
Howard B. Thurston,	" 7,	14	05
Lewis Merrill,	" 8,	15	85
David Peterson,	" 20,	12	70
David Peterson,	" 20,	10	00
Wm. T. Littlefield,	" 22,	14	20
Cornelius Wilson,	" 17,	5	15
Lorenzo D. Farwell,	" 5,	7	95
Josiah Morrill,	" 16,	19	05

Paid Hollis Doughty,	Dist. No.	3,	4 05
C. H. Prince,	"	3,	8 15
Nathaniel Thompson,	"	23,	14 02
Isaiah Mansfield,	"	21,	25 50
Wm. Russell,	"	2,	3 85
Charles E. Herrick,	"	7,	6 35
William M. Merrill,	"	9,	3 45
George S. Merrill,	"	9,	4 50
Solomon T. Merrill,	"	9,	1 70
George R. Leighton,	"	17,	3 00
			$258 25
Sum raised by town,			300 00
Balance in favor of town,			$41 75

NEW ROAD ON CHEBEAGUE.

Paid John Alex. Hamilton building new road, $74 52

No appropriation.

CONTINGENT BILLS.

Paid S. T. Merrill, uon-resident taxes bid in by town,	$73 83
" " recording returns and tax deeds,	1 40
L. E. Cram, making list of mortgages,	1 00
John A. Hamilton, services as constable, for '84,	3 00
C. M. Hamilton, services as selectman, assessor, &c. for '84,	25 54
Fred H. Morrill, half cord wood,	2 75
Silas L. Adams, plow for road machine,	10 00
Leander Cram, making mortgage list,	1 00
Edmund D. Merrill, sundries,	1 16
Trustees of Greely Institute, amount received from State, in aid of high school,	251 99
Josiah Black, services as superintendent of burying ground, for 6 years ending March '85,	12 00
M. P. Sweetser, collector's premium,	85 00
Josiah Merrill, mudsills furnished in '84,	2 70

Wm. M. Narks, printing town reports,	19 00
Leander E. Cram, recording sixteen tax deeds,	8 00
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, books &c.	7 09
Samuel B. Clough, care of burying-ground,	6 37
J. A. Blanchard, resident taxes bid in by town,	185 97
D. L. Blanchard, patent stools,	5 00
Oren S. Thomes, as per bill,	84
Joseph Starling, stove and funnel,	6 85
Wm. E. Wilson, postage stamps,	1 00
" " surveying road,	1 00
S. T. Merrill, non-resident taxes charged twice,	6 20
" selling and conveying property,	4 00
" " non-resident taxes bid in by town,	39 64
" " services as treasurer,	40 00
D. L. Blanchard, services as town clerk,	28 85
" " supt. of burying-ground,	3 00
John A. Hamilton, services as constable,	3 00
M. P. Sweetser, services as constable,	8 88
A. R. Littlefield, services as S. S. committee,	8 00
Miss M. H. McCollister, " " "	24 00
Ezra K. Sweetser, " " "	18 50
Symonds & Libby, legal advice,	12 00
F. S. Blanchard, attending funerals,	17 00
" " repairs on windows,	75
A. M. Small, services as supt. burying-grounds,	3 00
E. D. Merrill, services as selectman, assessor, &c., including travel and other sundries,	99 70
Lucien N. Morrison, bridge plank,	2 95
Joseph Starling, services as selectman, assessor, &c.,	76 25
Edward Ross, services as selectman, &c.,	47 95
	$1,156 16
Amount raised by town, $900 00	
Amount received from State, 251 99	
	1,151 99
Balance against the town,	$4 17

TAXES ABATED 1885.

Abated on lists of J. A. Blanchaad, by vote of town,	$19 18
" " M. P. Sweetser, by selectmen,	16 21
	$35 39

SUMMARY.

Am't assessed for poor,		$1,300 00	expended,	$1,475 17
" " notes and int.		1,300 62	"	1,300 62
" " roads and bridges,		1,000 00	"	830 91
" " Snow bills,		300 00	"	258 25
" " new road,			"	74 52
" " contingent,		900 00	"	1,156 16
" " collector's prem'm,		148 55		
" " overlay,		10 29		
" " Highw'y deficiencies,		67 84		
" " Supplement,		8 18		
		$5,035 48		$5,095 63
Amount received from State,		251 99	abatements,	35 39
		$5,287 47		$5,131 02
Balance in favor of town,				$156 45

LIABILITIES.

Notes due Greely Institute,	$20,800 00
" Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due School Districts,	866 93
Outstanding bills estimated,	200 00
Town orders unpaid,	1,125 74
	$23,869 67

ASSETS.

Balance due from Treasurer, as per his report.		*$7,120 98*
"	on tax deeds,	844 94
"	from State, for schools,	898 43
"	" Estate of *J.* H. Hicks,	74 62
		$8,938 95
Balance against tom,		$14,930 72

The following abatements have been made for the year 1885 by selectmen :

Names.	Date of Asst.	Cause.	Poll.	P. E,	F. E.	Total.
Field, John W.	1885,	Non-res.,	$2.00			$2.00
Dyer, John	1884,	Not of age,	2.00			2.00
" "	1885,	Boad tax ret.				.80
Small, Hannah C.	1884,	Poverty,		.46	2.87	3.33
" "	1885,	"		.48	3.00	3.48
Grant, Joseph	1884,	Overvaluation,			4.60	4.60
						$16.21

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This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

N. M. SHAW,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury March 1885,	$6,281 72
Assessors' commitments, 1885,	6,330 68
Received from State for schools,	874 59
" " in aid of free high school,	125 00
" Cumberland school fund,	102 62
" for tax deeds redeemed,	220 18
" State, for railroad taxes for 1884–5,	17 81
" town of Gray for b'd of C. W. Ramsdell,	50 00
" S. T. Merrill, Guardian of John H. Hicks,	50 00
" the estate of John Jones,	158 96
	$14,211 56
Paid out town orders,	7,090 58
Balances due the town,	7,120 98
Due from M. P. Swsetser, collector,	$5,981 22
" J. A. Blanchard, "	625 80
" E. W. Hamilton, "	30 74
" Alvin Leighton, "	143 26
" non-resident 1877 tax,	6 15
" " 1878 "	3 90
" " 1879 "	5 70
" Savings Bank aid for high school,	125 00
Cash deposited in Maine Savings Bank, from the estate of John Jones,	158 96
Cash to balance,	40 25
	$7,120 98

S. T. MERRILL, *Treasurer of Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the treasurer's account for the year ending February 20th, 1886, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched,

N. M. SHAW, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Spring Term of school commenced March 2nd under the continued charge of Mr. Frank E. Parlin, principal, and Mr. Louis W. Riggs, teacher of Sciences, and continued ten weeks. Number of pupils, 53.

The Fall Term began August 31, with Herman N. Dunham, A. B. as principal and L. W. Riggs, B. M. E. teacher of Sciences, and continued twelve weeks. Number of pupils 46.

The Winter Term began December 7, with the same teachers as at previous term, continuing eleven weeks. Number of pupils, 57.

The Spring Term begins March 8, 1886.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	$12,000 00
" " " "	6,000 00
" " " "	2,000 00
Total,	$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,		$300 00
" cash on hand,		18 99
" one year's int. on note,		18 00
		$336 99
Paid L. W. Riggs, apparatus,	$17 50	
Cash to balance,	19 49	
		$36 99
Town of Cumberland note,		300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	$557 66
" " of May and Nov. dividends,	25 35
	$583 01
Amount in bank,	$583 01

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$500 00
" amount due on tuition book,	30 50
" amount in Maine Savings Bank,	200 00
" cash balance,	43 36
	$773 86

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT PUND AND OTHER SOURCES IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OP GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid Simeon L. Clouge, half cord wood,	$3 25
F. E. Parlin, teaching spring term,	257 58
" " express, &c.,	55
Louis W. Briggs, teaching,	120 00
Wm O. Parlin, care of building spring term,	10 00
C. E. Prince, care of building spring term,	10 00
Gordon & Payne, printing circulars,	11 00
Wm. M. Marks, printing reports,	5 00
M. C. R. R. Co., freight,	35
Chas. S. Chase, Lime, &c.,	2 81
David U. Young, plastering,	3 50
John S. Harris, labor,	5 00
Annie M. Eaton, cleaning building,	6 00
Wm. M. Merrill, note and interest,	122 40
Oren S. Thomes, coal,	101 79
" " supplies,	5 39
Wm. P. Blanchard, horse hire,	1 00
Louis W. Riggs, teaching fall term,	144 00
Herman N. Dunham, teaching fall term,	236 36
" " supplies,	3 29
Gorham L. Farwell, care of building,	18 00
A. R. Alexander, labor and materials,	6 56
C. A. Merrill, half cord word,	2 50
H. H. Hay & Son, chemicals,	16 40
Herman N. Dunham, teaching winter term,	216 67
" " supplies,	2 10
G. L. Farwell, care of building, &c.,	20 00
John S. Harris, jobbing,	25
Osgood & Dunn, as per bill,	7 11
L. W. Riggs, teaching minter term,	132 00
" " supplies,	65

	E. D. Merrill, services as trustee, including labor and sundries paid,	23 00
	Joseph Starling, services as trustee.	3 50
	Wm. E. Wilson, as per bill,	2 84
	Cash in Maine Savings Bank,	200 00
	Cash in hand to balance,	43 **36**
		$1,744 21
By	Cash, balance from 1884,	$14 72
	Cash from town treasurer in aid of free high schools	251 99
	Cash from Wm. M. Merrill, loan,	120 00
	Cash, tuitions, spring term,	29 50
	Int. on 12,000, 6.000, 2,000 and $500 town notes,	615 00
	Cash, tuitions, fall term,	48 00
	Cash, tuitions, winter term,	35 00
	Int. on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and $500 town notes,	615 00
	Cash received from beck tuitions,	13 50
	Cash received materials sold,	1 50
		$1,744 21

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SCHOOL REPORT.

Fellow Citizens:

In making a report of our Common Schools there must necessarily be much of sameness in facts stated and suggestions offered from year to year. It gives us much pleasure that we are able to say to our fellow citizens, that the amount of good work done in our common schools during the year just closing has been above the average. But we must remember that it will not do to be satisfied with present attainments. Our common school system is still far from perfect, and there is much to be done before it is brought to that standard of excellence toward which all true lovers of youth and education are aspiring Although high schools and institutions of learning are yearly increasing, the common schools must long continue to be the principal source of education for the masses. Thus it becomes the duty of every man, woman and child to d; all in their power to make these sources of instruction springs of true moral and intellectual culture. Teachers and Committee cannot do this work alone, they need, and must have, the co-operation of parents. After teachers are employed and have entered' upon their work, they should have our hearty support; and, if at any time our children are not making such progress as we have a right to expect, or if we hear that certain things are being done that we know are detrimental to the best interests of the school, let us inquire of the teacher about it, and if not satisfied refe to the committee ; and not make public talk about it. If this course should be faithfully followed, the good results in many of our schools would be greatly increased, and some that prove almost failures would become excellent sources of instruction.

In our opinion the great hindrance to the elevation and best success of our schools to-day, is the want of earnest co-operation and sympathy of parents and citizens with teachers. Shall this want continue? These are serious facts. How will we treat them? Upon our decision depends, not only the usefulness—or waste—of hundreds of dollars, but the moral and intellectual development of ou children.

We present the following

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Amount received from all sources $2296 23

This was distributed among the several Districts as follows:

No. of Dist.	No. of Scholars.	Principal.	Per Cent.	Total.
1	24	$82 56	$40 00	$122 56
2	49	168 56	45 00	213 56
3	81	278 64		278 64
4	54	185 76	40 00	225 76
5	45	154 80	50 00	204 80
6	11	37 84	25 00	62 84
7	27	92 88	40 00	132 88
8	96	330 24	15 00	345 24
9	130	447 20	20 00	467 20
10	4	13 76	8 78	22 54
11	11	37 84		37 84
12	2	6 88		6 88
13	21	72 24	45 00	117 24
14	11	37 84	20 41	58 25

No school has been held in the territory which is put down as District No. 14. We would recommend that one be taught there at the earliest opportunity.

No school in No. 11 for three years. This is not wise, and may cost the town more than three times as much as it would to construct a building suitable for a school house—during the summer at least.

Smith's "Human Body" is unanimously recommended as the text book on Physiology, and has been introduced into

some schools. Meservey's Book-keeping for all schools where classes are formed for that study. Some of the schools are needing new reading books and spellers, but we caution all such to make no change without first consulting the Committee.

There are two districts in town that we think might be discontinued with great advantage to themselves and ell the others.

If some of our suggestions seem uncalled for, we reply that we have given them careful thought and attention before making them.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Agent, Francis Thompson. The Summer term was taught by Miss Lena Pittee.

Number of schola s registered, 10; average number, 7. Miss Pittee is very self-possessed, and seems perfectly at home in the school room. She gained the good-will of her pupils, and I was well pleased with the closing examination.

Winter term, taught by Margaret S. Drinkwater.

Number of scholars registered, 11; average number, 10. Miss Drinkwater was enthusiastic, and as the pupils were interested, the results were good. I commend both teachers for the excellent work in penmanship that they obtained from some of the youngest pupils.

District No. 2.

Agent, William Sturdivant.

This school for the year has been under the instruction of Miss Alma Brackett who is too well known as a teacher to need any commendation from this committee. Among the many qualifications necessary to successful teaching, perhaps there is none more needful than the ability to awaken in the mind of the scholar a love for his work. This Miss B. seems to possess in no small degree. Her general exercises were especially pleasing, and her practice of teaching even the young pu-

pils to express their thoughts in written words, we think worthy of imitation.

DISTRICT NO. **3.**

Agent, Hollis True. Spring term, Flora E. Barton.

This school requires the most skillful management of any on the Main. The pupils are nearly all under the age of twelve years, and must be kept busy or mischief and disorder soon appear. Miss B. is a graduate from Gorham Normal School, which is all that need be said of her methods of teaching. Had her government been equal to her teaching we would ask for nothing better.

Fall and Winter terms, Rena B. Dorman.

Miss D's method of teaching was much the same as that of Miss Barton, being a graduate from the same school. Her moral influence over her pupils is of the highest type. She also possesses that rare ability to inspire her scholars with a love for their work. Many of her pupils are doing finely, and the order during this winter term is much improved. We shall consider ourselves fortunate if her services are secured for next term.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Agent, Joseph W. Shaw. Teacher for the year, Miss S. Ellen Brackett.

Number of scholars registered in Winter term, 35. Miss Brackett is very earnest and faithful in her work, and her pupils have made good progress in their studies. There are a great many classes in this school, and the teacher has to improve every moment, that she may hear all of the recitations during the day. The school has not closed.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Agent, Elbridge Clough. Spring and Pall terms, Miss Alice L. Perley.

Miss P. was fresh from Gorham Normal School, and entered upon her duties with enthusiasm and determination to do her best. Her methods of teaching were first class; and, if she did

not realize all her expectations, the closing examination gave evidence of good and faithful work.

Winter term, taught by M. H. McCollister.

Number of scholars registered, 23, average number, 20. I found this to be a very pleasant school. The scholars came to learn, and endeavored to do so, and if they did not, the fault must have been in the teacher. I tender my sincere thanks to the parents for their co-operation, and also for their presence at the closing examination; and I would say to all parents in the town, "Go and do ye likewise."

DISTRICT No. 6.

School under supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Agent, Alvin Leighton. Spring term taught by Miss Kittie P. Prince.

Number of scholars registered, 6; average number, 5. Miss Prince had an interest in her pupils, and offered inducements for them to be there regularly and in season. The final examination showed a marked improvement, especially in reading.

Fall term, taught by Miss Annie M. Leighton.

Number of scholars registered, 10; average number, 9. Miss Leighton has a very easy and pleasing manner in the school room, and the tact of keeping her pupils at work. The examination of her scholars gave satisfactory evidence of thorough work.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Agent, James F. Mansfield. Teacher, James E. Mansfield.

This district was fortunate in securing Mr. M's services. We find him an able, conscientious, hard-working teacher. We knows that he knows what he knows, and is willing to impart his knowledge to others.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Agent, John A. Hamilton. Spring term, teacher, Isabel E. Hamilton assisted by Mabel C. Hamilton.

This was a very successful school in both departments. Characteristics: good order, promptness in recitation, and a manifest desire to learn.

Fall term, teachers, Mabel C. Hamilton and Sadie L. Grannell.

This was Miss H.'s first attempt to teach the larger pupils of her district, yet she maintained fair order, and we think the school was above the average country school.

Miss Grannell in the primary department seemed to be a a great favorite with her pupils, who under her instruction improved very rapidly. It is hoped that the services of this lady will be secured in some of our schools for the coming year.

Winter term, A. R. Littlefield, teacher.

We make no comment on this school, as we believe our works rather than our words should praise or condemn us. Whole No. of students registered 78. Average attendance 73.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Hope Island, Bailey Osgood, agent. Fall term, Jennie L. Dow, teacher.

This was Miss Dow's first school. She gained the good-will of her pupils from the beginning, and so had a very pleasant and profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 11.

This district has had no school, having no appropriate place to hold one in. It is hoped that during the coming year some arrangement will be made so that they can enjoy school privileges which they much need.

DISTRICT No. 12.

The scholars in this district attend school in Falmouth.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Agent, W. S. Blanchard. Summer and Pall term, teacher, Louie Quimby.

Here we found the order almost perfect. A look or a motion from the teacher was all that was necessary, still there seemed to be the best of feeling toward each other. Improve-

ment in all the branches was fair; that in her reading classes was especially worthy of mention. In our opinion Miss Quimby possesses a large share of the ability to govern.

GREELY INSTITUTE.

In preparing our report of this school, there is much that we might present, which we believe should be presented to the citizens of our own town, that would not be well or wise to lay before those outside of these limits. We have made frequent visits to this school,—some five or six times during the last term. During these visits we have carefully noticed the work of both teachers and scholars; thus we do not base our conclusions upon what we have heard outside, but from what we have seen and heard in the school-room. We consider Mr. Donham a faithful and conscientious worker. We have listened with much interest to many different recitations under his charge, and we think he has conducted them with earnest thoroughness, worthy of commendation. We have been especially pleased with his Algebra; and his classes in the Latin Reader gave evidence of thorough drill, as well as careful study on the part of some of the pupils. The recitations in Chemistry have been very interesting and we think ably conducted.

We would recommend more, and careful attention to the common branches, especially that of reading. In some of these branches, the pupils are not so well informed as many in the town schools. This matter demands the attention of those who may hereafter have this matter in charge.

Do we, as citizens of this town, feel that a great responsibility rests upon us, as to what this school now is and what it shall be in the future? From the very nature in which this school and its management has been bequeathed to us,—if viewed in any proper light,—it will be seen that greater watchfulness and care are required of us individually, than over those schools where there is a permanent board of trustees, and where the duty and power of the superintending school committee are more fully recognised. Let us remember that it is here that

our boys and girls are fitting for the practical duties of life, and that they have a threefold nature, each of which must be properly developed in order to make true men and women.

All of which, is respectfully submitted,

A. R. LITTLEFIELD,
M. H. MCCOLLISTER,
E. K. SWEETSER.

committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

& TOWN OFFICERS

—AND—

Trustees of Greely Institute

—OF THE—

Town of Cumberland

—FOR THE—

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1887.

PORTLAND, ME.,
SOUTHWORTH BROS., PRINTERS,
1887.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

To Marcellus P. Sweetser, a Constable of the Town *of Cumberland, in the* County of *Cumberland,*

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Cumberland, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town, on the seventh day of March at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

First. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Third. To hear and act upon the report of the selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Fourth. To hear and act upon the report of the treasurer.

Fifth. To hear and act upon the report of the superintending school committee.

Sixth. To hear and act upon the report of the treasurer of Cumberland school fund.

Seventh. To hear and act upon the report of the trustees of Greely Institute.

Eighth. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Ninth. To raise money for the support of the poor.

Tenth. To raise money for the payment of town notes and interest.

Eleventh. To raise money or labor, or both, for the repairs of highways, townways and bridges.

Twelfth. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Thirteenth. To raise money for payment of snow bills.

Fourteenth. To see if the town will purchase a farm, or otherwise provide a home for their poor.

Fifteenth. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received from the State in aid of the free high school.

Sixteenth. To hear and act on report of committee on burying grounds.

Seventeenth. To see if the town will instruct their selectmen to purchase a lot for a burying ground near the centre.

Eighteenth. To hear and act on the request of any collector for abatement of taxes.

Nineteenth. To receive bills against the town.

Twentieth. To see what action the town will take in regard to building new, or repairing fences around burying grounds in town.

Twenty-first. To hear and act upon the request of Hudson S. Emmons, to be set off from school district No. 8, with his property, and annexed to district No. 9.

Twenty-secoud. To see if the town will accept the road as laid out by the selectmen from Hamilton & Co's. wharf to town-road on Chebeague Island.

Twenty-third. To see if the town will purchase a hearse for Chebeague Island.

Twenty-fourth. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to be expended in road-district No. 16, from school-house to Falmouth line.

Twenty-fifth. To hear and act upon the request of Frank W. Blanchard to change road limits in road district No. 13.

Twenty-sixth. To see if the town will allow F. S. Blanchard and others to put in a new floor, and make repairs in body of town house, without expense to town, and have use of same for hall.

Twenty-seventh. To see what action the town will take in regard to property bid in by town for taxes.

Twenty-eighth. To see what action the town will take in regard to settlement with tax collectors.

Twenty-ninth. To see if the town will make repairs on town house..

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the town house, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this 25th. day of February, A. D., 1887.

EDMUND D. MERRILL,
D. L. BLANCHARD,
EDWARD ROSS,
} *Sebctmen of Cumberland.*

Selectmen and Assessors' Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED, 1886.

For State Tax,	$2,090 87
County Tax,	324 91
Schools,	1,295 20
Support of Poor,	1,600 00
Notes and Interest,	1,300 62
Roads and Bridges,	200 00
Contingent Bills,	975 00
Collector's Premium,	142 32
Overlay,	142 56¼
Snow Bills,	300 00
Supplementary,	14 00
Total Assessment,	$8,385 48¼

Total Valuation, $651,955.
No. of Polls, 444.
Rate of Taxation, 11½ mills on a dollar.
Poll Tax, $2.00.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid B. J. Thompson, board of Betsy Hamilton,	$ 26 00
E. B. Sham, board of Mary Wyman,	39 00
Town of Freeport, supplies for J. H. Cobb,	20 91
Joseph M. Drinkwater, aid to Albert F. Drinkwater,	40 50
E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, board and clothing of Olive Titcomb,	36 00

Paid Joseph M. Drinkwater, aid to Albert F. Drinkwater,	18 00
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39 00
Town of Windham, supplies for E. B. Field,	59 02
Tr. Insane Hospital, board Insane Persons,	128 53
M. M. Leighton, board of Anna Merrill,	39 00
D. L. Blanchard, expenses to Portland with Wm. Armstrong,	4 00
Jos. M. Drinkwater, aid to A. F. Drinkwater,	22 50
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Insane Persons,	113 79
E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
Jos. M. Drinkwater, aid to A. F. Drinkwater,	36 00
City of Portland, board of Wm. Armstrong,	16 00
S. S. Rich & Son, burial expenses of Wm. Armstrong,	15 00
Elenor Hamilton, board of B. Hammond,	72 00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, board of Olive Titcomb,	36 00
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39 00
B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	26 00
E. L. Latham, board of B. Hammond,	6 00
Jos. M. Drinkwater, aid to A. F. Drinkwater,	40 50
E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
Elenor Hamilton, board of B. Hammond,	5 08
Mary E. Sylvester, board of B. Hammond,	30 00
M. M. Leighton, board of Anna Merrill,	39 00
M. M. Leighton, board and clothing of A. Merrill,	39 80
Tr. Insane Hospital, board and clothing, of Insane Persons,	118 92
Jos. M. Drinkwater, aid to A. F. Drinkwater,	18 00
E. B. Shnw, board of Mary Wyman,	39 00
Jos. M. Drinkwater, aid to A. F. Drinkwater,	22 50
Martha S. Mitchell, care of D. Bennett, to April 27th., 1885.	42 00
Jos. M. Drinkwater, aid to. A. F. Drinkwater,	18 00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, board of Olive Titcomb,	46 00

Paid N. B. Wilson & Son, supplies to N. Latham,	27	90
E. B. Shaw, board and clothing to Rufus Stubbs,	46	07
Tr. Insane Hospital board and clothing of Insane Persons	113	46
F. C. Dolley, M. D., medical attendance 1885 on Mrs. A. F. Drinkwater,	14	00
C. T. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance on Wm. Armstrong,	8	00
C. T. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance on Mrs. Lucy Whitcomb.	10	00
C. T. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance on Mrs. Mary Morrison,	5	00
Jos. M. Drinkwater, aid to A. F. Drinkwater,	22	50
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman,	39	00
Town of Cape Elizabeth, support and burial expenses of Daniel Tobey,	50	00
I. C. Leighton, care and nursing Mrs. Lucy Whitcomb.	49	00
Sarah P. Farwell, board of Lucy Whitcomb, and nurse,	35	00
W. E. Wilson, medicine for Mrs Lucy Whitcomb	7	80
M. P. Sweetser, board of tramps,	7	50
S. B. Clough, grave of C. A. Blanchard,	5	00
Louisa A. Green, board of B. Hammond,	51	00
L. L. Hale, M. D., medical attendance B. Hammond	7	00
A. R. Littlefield, clothing for B. Hammond,	2	09
	$1,908	37
Amount raised by town,	1,600	00
Balance against town,	$ 308	37
Received from S. T. Merrill, guardian of John H. Hicks,	$ 283	87
" D. L. Blanchard, for Mrs. Lucy Whitcomb,	101	80
	$ 385	67

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Tr. Greely Institute, ½ years interest on notes,		$ 624 00
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Tr. Cumberland School Pun, dinterest on note,		52 62
		$ 1,300 62
Amount raised by town,		$ 1,300 62

REPAIRS, ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Blanchard & Mountfort, re-building culvert,		$ 56 00
E. G. Hayes, stone for Greely Road bridge,		73 50
A. Cleaves, for work and derrick Greely Road bridge,		20 50
E. D. Merrill, work on Greely Road bridge,		16 89
F. P. Blanchard, " "		14 50
D. L. Blanchard, " "		11 87
D. R. Allen, repairs in	Dist. No. 9,	6 68
W. M. Merrill, bridge plank,		6 49
E. D. Merrill, labor in	" 7,	3 00
D. L. Blanchard, labor in	" 7,	3 75
		$ 213 18
Sum raised by town,		200 00
Balance against town,		$ 13 18

SNOW BILLS.

Paid A. M. Small,	Dist. No. 15,	$ 11 52
Nathaniel Thompson,	" 23,	9 10
David Peterson,	" 20,	10 40
Frank S. Merrill,	" 7,	2 75
S. L. Field,	" 2,	6 95
Hans P. Peterson,	" 2,	4 20

Paid E. S. W. Jones, and repairs,	Dist. No. 18,		16 22
Nathan L. Merrill, and repairs,	"	8,	14 28
M. W. Pearson, and repairs,	"	10,	23 32
Wm. T. Littlefield,	"	22,	9 30
Dennis Winslow, and repairs,	"	13,	10 32
N. D. Farwell, "	"	6,	6 20
Edward T. Hall, "	"	11,	10 41
O. A. Mountfort,	"	16,	4 70
O. A. Mountfort, repairs,	"	16,	35 50
C. E. Herrick, and repairs,	"	7,	46 71
S. L. Clough,	"	12,	16 25
F. W. Blanchard, and repairs,	"	13,	5 80
F. P. Blanchard, "	"	13,	2 25
Leonard Leighton,	"	6,	1 80
George R. Leighton,	"	17,	6 95
P. B. Rideout,	"	6,	1 20
J. A. Blanchard,	"	6,	75
S. M. Brackett,	"	2,	5 05
Wm. M. Merrill,	"	9,	1 95
		$	263 88
Sums raised by town,			300 00
Balance in favor of town,		$	36 12

CONTINGENT BILLS.

Paid L. E. Cram, recording non-resident tax deeds,	$	5 00
S. T. Merrill, as per vote of town		5 00
Josiah Black, Supt. of burying ground,		2 00
A. J. Osgood, services as moderator 1885,		2 50
M. P. Sweetser, collector's premiun, '84 and '85,		85 00
Southworth Bros. & Co., printing reports,		14 00
E. W. Hamilton, labor in burying ground,		5 00
Trustees Greely Institute, amount received from State in aid of high school,		251 41

Paid L. E. Cram, return of mortgage deeds,	1 00
D. L. Blanchard, postage &c., on circulars 'Public H	8 54
S. L. Adams, plow for road machine,	10 00
O. A. Mountfort for gravel for 1885,	5 00
C. E. Herrick, watering tub, 1885,	3 00
S. L. Clough, ½ cord wood,	3 25
R. H. McQuillan & Co., bridge plank,	3 20
D. L. Rlanchard, express bill, for point on road machine.	75
John F. Holme, ag't. land damage,	45 00
E. S. W. Jones, building road,	29 00
S. B. Clough, Supt. of burying ground, 1885,	2 00
Legrow Bros., lumber for burying ground fence,	22 37
Thurston Bros., carting lumber for burying ground fence,	5 00
Legrow Bros., posts for burying ground fence,	4 75
Hoyt, Pogg & Donham, stationery,	15 10
M. P. Sweetser, resident taxes, bid in by town,	55 00¾
L. L. Ramsdell, labor on burying ground fence,	6 00
L. E. Cram, recording tax deeds,	1 50
J. S. Adams & Son, blacksmith work,	3 15
E. G. Prince, repairs on plow,	4 75
N. M. Shaw, services as Auditor, for 1885,–86.	1 50
W. L. Merrill, ½ cord mood for town house,	3 00
S. S. Knight, recording tax deeds,	3 50
E. D. Merrill, labor on burying ground fence &c.	8 68
F. S. Blanchard, attending funerals with hearse,	30 00
S. T. Merrill, services as town treasurer,	40 00
M. H. McCollister, services as school committee,	22 50

Paid S. T. Merrill, Treasurer non-resident taxes, bid in by town,		35 80
E. K. Sweetser, services as school committee,		21 00
W. E. Wilson, sundries,		2 38
Francis Thompson, labor on burying ground fence,		4 50
M. P. Sweetser, services as constable,		15 25
M. P. Sweetser, collectors premium for 1884, '85, '86,		120 00
D. L. Blanchard, services as town clerk,		31 36
D. L. Blanchard, Supt. of burying ground,		7 00
A. R. Littlefield, services as school committee,		**14 30**
E. D. Merrill, service and travel as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,		87 50
D. L. Blanchard, service and travel as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,		84 75
Edward Ross, service and travel as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,		30 10
S. B. Clough, Supt. of burying ground,		2 00
John Alex. Hamilton, services as constable,		3 00
		$1,166 39¾
Amount raised by town,	$975 00	
Amount raised from State,	251 41	
		1,226 41
Balance in favor of town,		$ 60 01¼

TAXES ABATED 1886.

Abated on lists of M. P. Sweetser, by vote of town,		$ 32 37
" " M. P. Sweetser, by selectmen,		20 12½
" " J. A. Rlanchard, by vote of town,		**37** 48
		$ 89 97½

SUMMARY.

Am't as'ed for poor,	$1,600	00	exp'd,	$1,908	37
" notes and int.	1,300	62	"	1,300	62
" roads and bridges,	200	00	"	213	18
" Snow bills,	300	00	"	263	88
" contingent,	975	00	"	1166	39¾
" collector's premium,	142	32			
" overlay,	142	56%			
" supplement,	14	00			
	$4,674	50%		$4,852	44¾
Amount received from State,	251	41	ab'mts.	89	97½
	$4,925	91¼		$4,942	42¼
Balance against town,	16	51			

LIABILITIES.

Notes due Greely Institute,	$28,800 00
" Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due School Districts,	534 41
Outstanding bills estimated,	225 00
Town orders unpaid,	1,417 75
	$23,854 16

ASSETS.

Balance due from Treasurer, as per his report,	$ 7,662 85%
" on tax deeds,	937 05
" from State for schools,	962 95
	$ 9,562 85¼
Balance against town,	$14,291 30¾

The following abatements have been made in the year 1886 by selectmen:

Names.	Date of Ass't.	Cause.	Poll.	Real Est.	Total.
Newcomb, Joseph,	1884,	Dead,	$2.00		$2.00
Barton, Mary,	1884.	Poverty,		$1.72½	1.72½
Drinkwater, Reuel, heirs of	1865,	Overvalu'n,		4.20	4.20
Leighton, Enoch M.	1885,	"		4.20	4.20
Graffam, H. C.	1885,	Not taxable	2.00		2.00
Hill, Thedore P.	1885.	Dead,	2.00		2.00
McCartney, Barney.	1885,	Not taxable	2.00		2.00
Rose, Ezekial.	1886,	"	2.00		2.00
					$20.12½

EDMUND D. MERRILL,
DAVID L. BLANCHARD,
EDWARD ROSS.
} *Selectmen of Cumberland.*

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

N. M. SHAW, *Auditor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury March 1886,		$7,120 98
Assessor's commitments, 1886,		5,969 70%
Received from State for schools,		898 41
" " in aid of free high school,		251 41
" Cumberland school fund,		92 62
" State Treasurer for telegraph and railroad tax 1885,		7 50
" tax deeds redeemed,		73 52
" S. T. Merrill guardian of John Hicks,		283 87
" John Jones estate, drawn from bank,		165 36
" J. B. Osgood, for license to build wharf,		5 00
" George F. West, for license to build wharf,		5 00
" State, July 1885,		125 00
" E. D. Merrill,		1 00
" Treasurer of the city of Portland for school on Crotch Island		23 25
" E. G. Blanchard for old bridge plank,		2 50
" D. L. Blanchard to pay expenses of		
" Lucy Whitcomb,		101 80
		$15,126 92¼
Paid out town orders		7,464 07
Balance due the town,		$7,662 85%

Due from M. P. Sweetser, collector,		$6,524 06
"	J. A. Blanchard, "	625 80
"	E. W. Hamilton, "	30 74
"	Alvin Leighton, "	143 26
"	non-resident 1877 tax,	6 15
"	" 1878 "	3 90
"	" 1879 "	5 70
"	Savings Bank aid for high school,	125 00
Cash to balance,		198 24¼
		$7,662 85%

S. T. MERRILL, *Treasurer of Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the treasurer's account for the year ending February 23rd, 1887, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched, N. M. SHAW, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE

The Spring term of school commenced March 8th under the continued charge of Herman N. Dunham, A. B. principal,' and Louis W. Riggs, B. M. E. teacher of Sciences, and continued ten weeks. Number of pupils, 38.

The Fall term commenced August 30th, with Wilson Nevens, A. B. as principal and Louise M. Harvey, A. M. assistant, and continued twelve weeks. Number of pupils, 51.

The Winter term commenced December 6th, with Wilson Nevens, A. B. principal, and Miss Alma M. Brackett assistant, and continued eleven weeks. Number of pupils, 51.

The Spring term begins March 7th, 1887.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,		$12,000 00
" "		6,000 00
" "		2,000 00
Total,		$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,		$300 00
" cash on hand,		19 49
one year's interest on note,		18 00
		$337 49
Paid Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, apparatus,	$ 3 18	
Cash to balance,	34 31	
		$37 49
Town of Cumberland note,		$300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,		$583 01
" " of May and November dividends,		23 54
		$606 55
Paid for rebinding books,	$ 7 2 5	
" express on books,	25	
		7 50
Balance remaining in Bank,		$599 05

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	$500 00
" amount in Maine Savings Bank,	154 85
" amount due on tuition book,	28 00
" cash deposited in Maine Savings Bank,	225 00
" cash balance,	49 97
	$957 82

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid J. S. Adams & Son, jobbing	$	20
A. R. Alexander, repairs on furnace,	10	50
Southworth Bros. & Co., printing reports,	4	00
M. C. B. R. Co., freight,		25
H. N. Dunham, teaching Spring term,	196	97
L. W. Riggs, " "	120	00
Gorham L. Farwell, janitor,	18	00
A. R. Alexander, one furnace grate,	6	00
Southworth Bros. & Co., circulars,	10	50
W. E. Wilson, as per bill,	2	03
Gorham L. Farwell, labor, horse hire, &c.,	8	00
John N. Farwell, jobbing,		75
M. C. R. R. Co., freight,		34
Wallace L. Merrill, ½ cord wood,	3	00
Annie M. Eaton, cleaning building,	6	00
C. P. Graves, tuning piano, and repairs on organ,	5	50
B. Whitney, repairs,	1	50
W. F. Blanchard, board of two men,	3	00
Osgood & Dunn, 16 tons coal,	100	00
M. B. Bourne & Son, labor and materials,	36	65
D. L. Blanchard, sundries,	2	35
Hooper, Son & Leighton, chairs,	10	00
Louise M. Harvey, teaching Fall term,	120	00
Wilson Nevens " "	236	36
G. L. Farwell, janitor,	18	00
H. H. Hay & Son, chemicals,	16	35
Wm. Senter, repairs on clock,	1	00
C. H. Bachelder, window shades, &c.,	6	12
B. Thurston, printing programmes,	4	94
S. L. Farwell, ½ cord wood,	2	50
Wm. E. Wilson, supplies,	2	01

Paid Wm. E. Wilson, one stove and freight,	25	35
Wilson Nevens, teaching Winter term,	216	67
Wilson Nevens, desk books,	4	50
Alma M. Brackett, teaching Winter term,	110	00
Gorham L. Farwell, janitor,	20	00
Gorham L. Farwell, getting supplies,	1	80
H. H. Hay & Son, chemicals,	1	48
E. D. Merrill, labor and service as trustee,	24	00
D. L. Blanchard, " " "	10	50
E. Ross, services and travel as trustee,	4	00
E. B. Osgood as per bill,	15	68
J. N. Farwell, jobbing,	1	00
Cash deposited in Maine Savings Bank,	225	00
Balance, cash in hand,	49	97
	$1,662	77

By Cash, balance from 1885,	$ 43	36
Cash from town treasurer in aid of free high school,	251	41
Cash, tuitions Spring term,	22	00
Cash from Maine Savings Bank,	50	00
Int. on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and $500 town notes,	615	00
Cash, tuitions, Fall term,	36	00
Cash, tuitions, Winter term,	30	00
Int. on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and $500 town notes,	615	00
	$1,662	77

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This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and propel·ly vouched.

N. M. SHAW, Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Fellow Citizens:

Another year has passed, and we are again to render our annual report of the schools. We think that the work accomplished by them as a whole has ranked fairly well. The past Winter has been unfavorable for young scholars living at a distance from the school-house; besides some have been absent on account of colds, others on accouut of diphtheria. We should be very thankful that we have had so few cases of this dreaded epidemic during the past year, while in some towns it has spread to an alarming extent. We find on some of our registers many tardy marks, and we do hope that the parents will fully realize how necessary it is for their chilhren to be at school in season, and endeavor to have them there.

We enjoy visiting a well conducted school, and also a neat and orderly room. Schools are one of the great aids for fitting pupils for life, and it is there they should acquire habits of neatness and order, and where early and lasting impressions are made. How important then that the school room should be made pleasant and attractive. We trust that teachers and pupils will be careful of its general appearance. Most of the ladies have their houses cleaned twice during the year, and is it too much to ask to have our school houses cleaned only once a year? We think this should be done if nothing more than to improve their sanitary condition.

Some of the pupils from districts No. 7 and 13 have been to No. **3** this last term. We recommend that those two districts be discontinued, and those living in No. 7 attend Nos. **3** and 4, and those in No. 13 attend Nos. 3 and 5. This would be of great advantage to them as it would give them three terms a year.

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town,	$1,295 20
" received from town fund,	92 62
" " " State school fund and mill tax,	962 95
Total for schools,	$2,350 77

APPORTIONMENT.

No. of Dist.	No. Scholars.	Principal.	15 Per Cent.	Total.
1	21	$ 72 45	$40 00	$112 45
2	57	196 65	40 00	236 65
3	71	244 95	5 00	249 95
4	50	172 50	40 00	212 50
5	49	169 05	45 00	214 05
6	10	34 50	30 00	64 50
7	27	93 15	40 00	133 15
8	100	345 00	15 00	360 00
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DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DIRTRICT NO. 1.

Agent, Lorenzo Cressey. Summer term taught by Miss May Morrill. Number of scholars registered, 11; average number, 10. This was Miss Morrill's first school, and I thought that she did well for a young teacher. Her manner of decipline was pleasing, and a good degree of interest was manifested both b teacher and pupils.

Winter term, taught by Mrs. Dennis Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton is an experienced teacher, and has the tact of making her illustrations clear to young pupils, which was evident by the explanations given by some of them in arithmetic. Good improvement. was made especially by some of the younger ones in reading.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Agent, William Sturdivant. The Spring and Fall terms of this school, was under the instruction of Miss Alma Brackett. To say much of these terms would be simply to repeat what we have said before. Her register shows an average attendance of about ninety per cent. which is one evidence that her scholars were interested. Miss B. gave up the winter term for a situation at Greely Institute, and thus the town still retains her excellent services.

Winter term, Miss Olive H. Merrill. Miss M. is a teacher of large experience, having taught thirty-two schools. She has a way of her own, and always succeeds well, especially with her reading classes. The school was not so large as formerly, but from what we saw when present, we are satisfied that there was good work done.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Agent, Hollis True. There is no school in town that requires more skill, tact and patience than this. The teacher needs to be ever on the alert, for something new and interesting as well as instructive—consisting wholly of young pupils, the

teacher soon becomes the standard, by which all acts are weighed and measured. Miss Dnran seemed to realize the responsibility resting upon her, and by her pleasing manners, and large experience as a teacher, was able to do efficient and successful work. The winter term was much enlarged by scholars from districts No. 7, and 13, and the closing examination was very pleasing and satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Agent, **It.** L. Abbott. Teacher for the year, Miss Margaret S. Drinkwater. Number of scholars in Summer term, 31; average number, 25. Number in Fall term, 27; average number, 24. Winter term. *35*; average, 29. Miss Drinkwater always seemed to enter upon her school duties with a great deal of animation, and the pupils appeared orderly and studious. 4 think that the examinations taken as a whole, have been successful but some of the scholars fail to do justice to themselves or teacher, as they speak so very low. I wish they would overcome that diffidence in the school room, for most of them seemed to have fully developed voices during recess.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Agent, Sewall Whitney. This school was highly fortunate in having the services of Miss McCollister for more than a year. She fully understands her business, is wide awake in the school room, and does not intend that her pupils shall sleep while on duty.

The amount passed over and "*thoroughly* reviewed" shows that faithful, earnest work mas done by teacher and pupils. An average attendance for the year, of about ninety per cent. is a good showing for parents and teacher; for regular and punctual attendance does much to make a good school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

School under supervision of Parmouth.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Agent, E. G. Prince. Both terms of this school have been

under the instruction of Miss Katie Prince. Whole number of scholars registered in Spring term, 9; average number, 8. Number in Fall term, 12; average, 8. Miss Prince seemed enthusiastic and persistent in her manner, and to work for the good of her school. The pupils were industrious, and gave evidence of progress in their studies, particularly in reading.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Agent, William Seabury. Spring term, Louie A. Quimby, teacher. Miss Q. is a teacher in every respect. The district that secures her services, can rest fully assured that their school money will not be wasted. Teacher of the Fall term, Addie S. Dunn. Miss D's long experience as a teacher, places her in the first rank. She did good thorough work, and won the respect of both pupil and parent. Winter term. M. P. Smithwick, teacher. Mr. S's. method of teaching pleased us very much, and we think he did fair work, but had he maintained better order, we think he would have been more successful.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Agent, R. D. Hamilton. Teachers of Spring term, Sadie L. Grannell and Cora G. Hamilton. This is the first term Miss Grannell ever taught a school of advanced scholars. She was in her home district, teaching pupils who had been school-mates with her. This placed her in a very trying position, but with her easy, dignified manners, she won the good will of the greater part of her pupils and did some excellent work. Miss H., in the primary school, was a success from the beginning. The children all loved her and improved very rapidly.

Fall term. Louie A. Quimby and Cora G. Hamiltom, teachers. This district was fortunate in securing the services of these teachers.' They both fully maintained the position they had taken during the Spring term and their schools were a grand success.

Winter term, Ulysses S. Wheeler, teacher. Mr. W. won the esteem of his pupils at the start and so had a comparatively

easy time. We regard him as one of our most successful teachers, and had it not been for a case of diphtheria which broke out near the school-house, and kept many of the pupils from attending school for sometime, this term would have been as successful as any one during the year.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Hope Island. Agent, J. B. Osgood. Chester R. Anderson is now teaching the only term they have had during the year. We think he is doing fair work.

DISTRICT No. 11.

We are pleased to be able to report successful schools in this district. Your Committee visited this island and found twenty-seven children between the ages of four and twenty-one, thirteen belonging to Cumberland. There had been no school privileges of any kind for five years. We immediately conferred with the Portland committee and found them ready and willing to aid in establishing a school there as soon as possible. Another visit was soon made with the Portland committee, which resulted in the opening of a school under the instruction of Miss Georgie Pinkham, Sept. 20th, which continued eight weeks. After a vacation of four weeks, the school was again opened with the same teacher and is still in session. Both the Portland and Cumberland committee have been much pleased with Miss Pinkham's work, and we think she is deserving of much praise for her perseverence and patience which has brought about so good results. We knew Miss P. as one of the *best* scholars, and she has proved herself a faithful teacher. We must also say, that judging from Miss P's school register and other reports, Crotch Island has some smart little scholars who are bound to make *men* and *women* if they have fair privileges.

DISTRICT No. 12.

The scholars in this district attend school in Palmouth.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Agent, Simeon L. Clough. This district had two terms of school, one of seven, the other of thirteen weeks; both under the instruction of Miss Edith N. Rowe, a fine scholar and a faithful teacher. She did good work, and the school showed a marked advance at the end of Fall term. With a little firmer discipline Miss R. would rank among the first teachers in the State. Average number scholars for term, ten.

UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY.

They have had one term of fifteen weeks school during the year, taught by Will E. Frost. When we visited this school it appeared to be doing good work, and we have no doubt that it advanced very well, They very much need a better school room.

GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Fall term began with Mr. Wilson Nevens as principal, and Miss Louisa Harvey as assistant. During the first term, it was visited frequently, and we anticipated that the closing examination would be quite a success. The recitations in the forenoon passed off very nicely. We assembled again in the afternoon, and while the young ladies' in the "General History" class, were making some brilliant recitations, an alarm of fire was given, which closed the examination quite unceremoniously. At the close of this term, Miss Harvey resigned, and we felt that this was quite a loss to the school, as she is a fine scholar, and a young lady of a great deal of self reliance, but we think that her position has been ably filled by Miss Alma Brackett, who is one of our best teachers.

We were present most of the day, during the last examination, and were much interested in the different recitations. The class in reading is particularly worthy of mention, as they gave good expression, pronounciation, and could be distinctly heard. The work performed on the board by the classes in

mathematics was very neatly executed and well explained and demonstrated. The class in Geography drew some quite accurate maps from memory, and gave good recitations from them. The young ladies of the General History class were not interrupted at this examination, and as usual did credit to themselves and teacher. We trust that teachers and pupils will so unite their efforts, as to make the coming year one of grand success.

Respectfully submitted,

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